

KEY SIGNATURES - SHARPS

Count Up 5 Keys	Scale	Notes	Sharps	Key Signature
	C Major	C D E F G A B C	-	-
C D E F G	G Major	G A B C D E F# G	1	F#
G A B C D	D Major	D E F# G A B C# D	2	F#, C#
D E F# G A	A Major	A B C# D E F# G# A	3	F#, C#, G#
A B C# D E	E Major	E F# G# A B C# D# E	4	F#, C#, G#, D#
E F# G# A B	B Major	B C# D# E F# G# A# B	5	F#, C#, G#, D#, A#
B C# D# E F#	F# Major	F# G# A# B C# D# E# F#	6	F#, C#, G#, D#, A#, E#
F# G# A# B C#	C# Major	C# D# E# F# G# A# B# C#	7	F#, C#, G#, D#, A#, E#, B#

Musical notation showing key signatures for major and minor scales. The top staff is treble clef and the bottom staff is bass clef. The notes are: C major, G major, D major, A major, E major, B major, F# major, C# major, A minor, E minor, B minor, F# minor, C# minor, G# minor, D# minor, B# minor.



To help students remember the **Order of Sharps** use the following saying:

“Farmer Charlie Goes Down And Eats Berries”

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Major scale G D A E B F# C#

Don't forget that key signatures are related – count down 3 semitones from the major to find the relative minor scale that has the same key signature. For example G major shares the same key signature as E minor

KEY SIGNATURES – FLATS

Count Down 5 Keys	Scale	Notes	Flats	Key Signature
	C Major	C D E F G A B C	-	-
C B A G F	F Major	F G A B \flat C D E F	1	B \flat
F E D C B\flat	B \flat Major	B \flat C D E F G A B \flat	2	B \flat E \flat
B \flat A G F E\flat	E \flat Major	E \flat F G A \flat B \flat C D E \flat	3	B \flat E \flat A \flat
E \flat D \flat C B \flat A\flat	A \flat Major	A \flat B \flat C D \flat E \flat F G A \flat	4	B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat
A \flat G F E \flat D\flat	D \flat Major	D \flat E \flat F G A \flat B \flat C D \flat	5	B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat
D \flat C B \flat A \flat G\flat	G \flat Major	G \flat A \flat B \flat C D \flat E \flat F G \flat	6	B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat
G \flat F E \flat D \flat C\flat	C \flat Major	C \flat D \flat E \flat F \flat G \flat A \flat B \flat C \flat	7	B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat F \flat

To remember the order of flats go back to:



FARMER **C**HARLIE **G**OES **D**OWN **A**ND **E**ATS **B**ERRIES

The order of the flats is the saying **backwards**

So instead of starting off with “F” for the “Fat”, start with the “B” for “Berries”

The new saying may be slightly edited to make more sense

BERRIES **E**ATEN **A**ND **D**OWN **G**OES **C**HARLIE **F**ARMER

Berries **Eaten** **And** **Down** **Goes** **Charlie** **Farmer**

Major scale F B \flat E \flat A \flat D G \flat C \flat