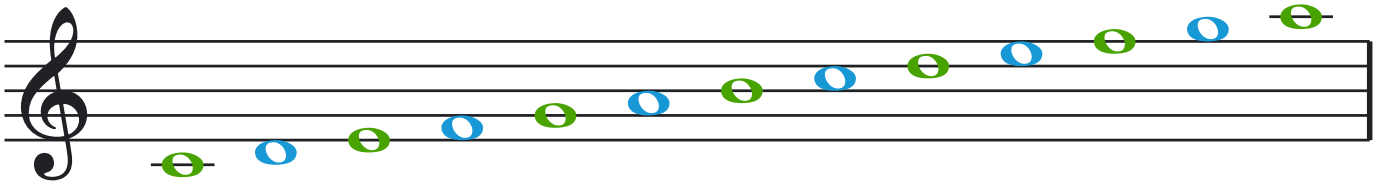
Reading Notes

Treble and bass clef · lines and spaces

Note on a **line** Note in a **space**

Treble clef

usually right hand · from middle C up



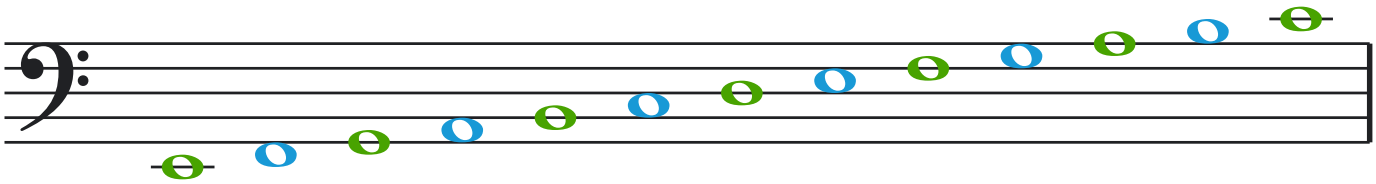
C4 D4 E4 F4 G4 A4 B4 C5 D5 E5 F5 G5 A5

Lines from the bottom: E – G – B – D – F
Mnemonic: “Every Good Boy Does Fine.”

Spaces: F – A – C – E
Spells the word “FACE”.

Bass clef

usually left hand · up to middle C



E2 F2 G2 A2 B2 C3 D3 E3 F3 G3 A3 B3 C4

Lines from the bottom: G – B – D – F – A
Mnemonic: “Good Boys Do Fine Always.”

Spaces: A – C – E – G
Mnemonic: “All Cows Eat Grass.”

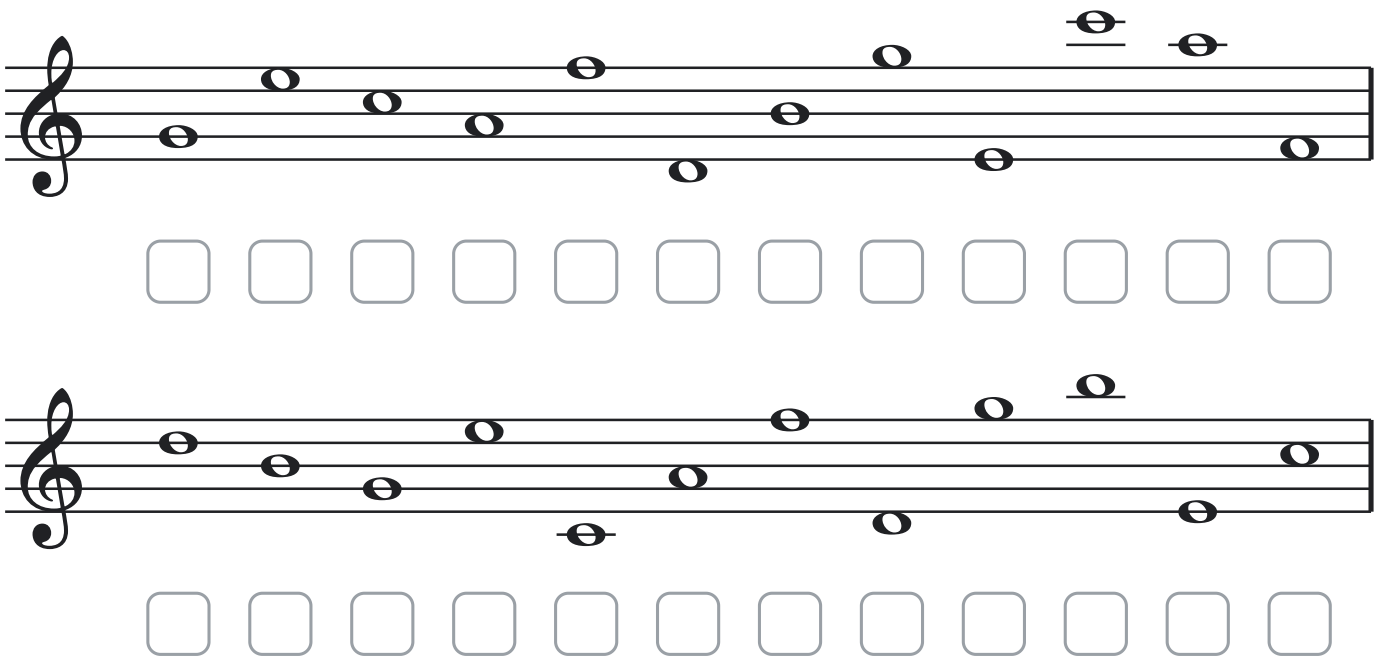
Ledger lines: Notes above or below the five lines get short extra lines. Keep reading the same way: line, space, line … Middle C (C4) sits on the first ledger line – below the treble and above the bass staff.

Tip: First memorize three “anchor notes” – middle C (C4), G4 in the treble clef and F3 in the bass clef. From there just count on: line, space, line …

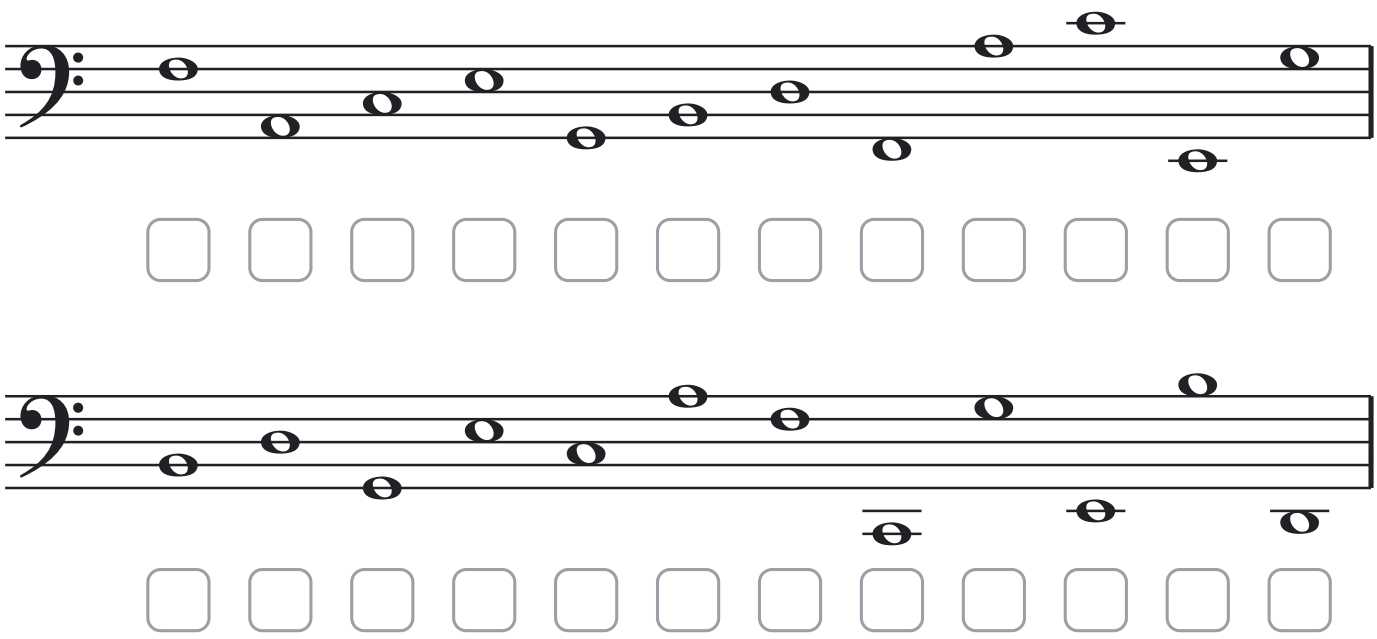
Note quiz: write the name in the box

Tip: use a pencil – then you can use the sheet again and again.

Treble clef



Bass clef



Answers · Treble: G4 · E5 · C5 · A4 · F5 · D4 · B4 · G5 · E4 · C6 · A5 · F4 / D5 · B4 · G4 · E5 · C4 · A4 · F5 · D4 · G5 · B5 · E4 · C5

Bass: F3 · A2 · C3 · E3 · G2 · B2 · D3 · F2 · A3 · C4 · E2 · G3 / B2 · D3 · G2 · E3 · C3 · A3 · F3 · C2 · G3 · E2 · B3 · D2