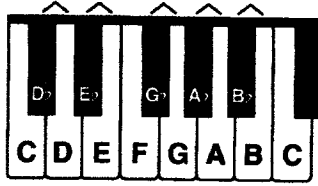


Flats

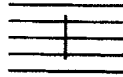
The FLAT sign (♭) before a note lowers the pitch of that note. On the keyboard, play the next key to the left, whether black or white.



When speaking of flatted notes, the word "flat" comes after the letter name, as in **A flat**. However, in written music, the flat sign comes before the note.



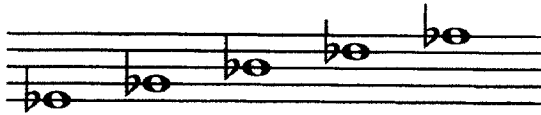
To draw a flat sign, first draw a vertical line:



then add the heavier curved line:



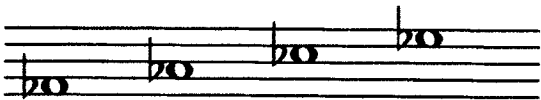
When a flat sign is attached to a line note, the flat is centered on the line.



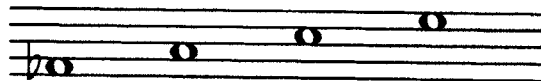
Add flat signs to the line notes below.



When a flat sign is attached to a space note, the flat is centered in the space.

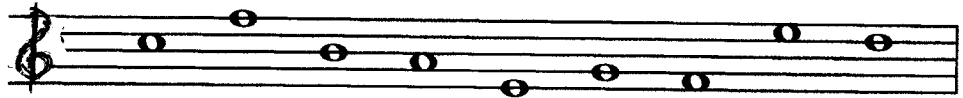


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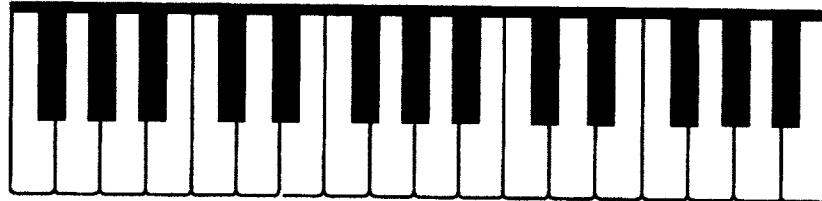


Exercises

1 In the example, write flat signs before each note, then name the notes.



2 Write the names of the piano keys in the boxes.



3 Write a treble clef and the notes indicated on the staff using half notes.



G♭ D♭ C♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ F♭