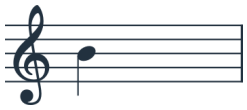Flute: B, A and G

For concert C flute. Read three notes, press their keys, play a tune. Your teacher guides the headjoint and first sound.

1 · THREE NOTES ON THE STAFF
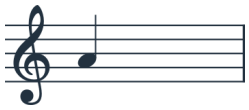
Flute music uses treble clef. All three notes are in octave 4 (C4 = middle C). Count lines and spaces from the bottom.

B4
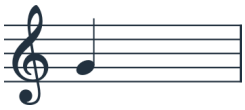


Middle line (line 3)

A4



Space 2

G4



Line 2

2 · THREE FINGERINGS

Filled key = pressed; white key = released. **Thumb B** is the B-natural thumb key, not the B♭ thumb lever. **E♭ little** is the right-hand little-finger key: keep it down for all three notes. RH 1–3 stay up.

	Left hand				Right hand			
B4	**Thumb B**	**LH 1**	LH 2	LH 3	**E♭ little**	RH 1	RH 2	RH 3
A4	**Thumb B**	**LH 1**	**LH 2**	LH 3	**E♭ little**	RH 1	RH 2	RH 3
G4	**Thumb B**	**LH 1**	**LH 2**	**LH 3**	**E♭ little**	RH 1	RH 2	RH 3

Going down, add one left-hand finger. B4 → A4 adds LH 2; A4 → G4 adds LH 3.

3 · NO TRANSPOSING
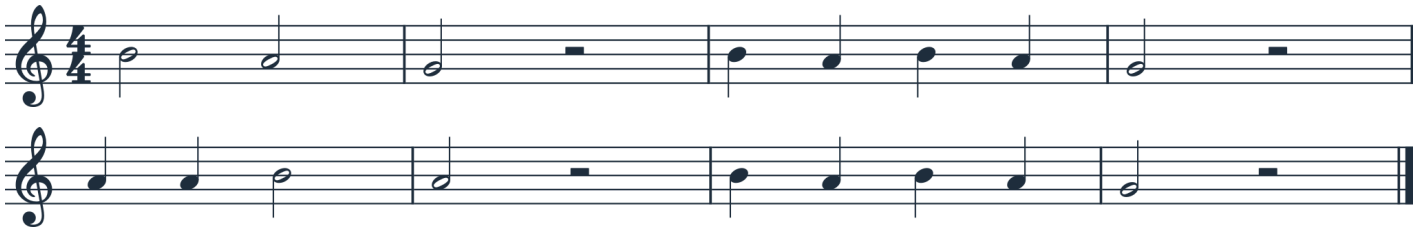
The flute is a C instrument: B4 sounds B4. What you read is what the audience hears.

You read → you hear	**B4** → B4	**A4** → A4	**G4** → G4

Some instruments transpose: a B♭ clarinet's written B4 sounds A4, a major 2nd lower. See Handout 392, *Written & concert pitch*.

4 · READ, REST, PLAY

Original tune · 4/4 · quarter note = 60 BPM. Count **1–2–3–4** in every bar. Breathe in the half rests (bars 2, 4, 6 and 8).



Try it Which keys are pressed for all three notes? **Answer: Thumb B, LH 1 and the E♭ key.**
From G, which fingers lift to play B? **Answer: LH 2 and LH 3.**

Concert-pitch piano reference: the flute sounds as written. Piano · quarter = 60 · the tune starts after four clicks. Pitch and rhythm model, not a flute tone model.
Scan or visit tissimo.co/worksheets/flute-first-notes-b-a-g#listen · Next: Handout 458, *Same Keys, Two Gs*.

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