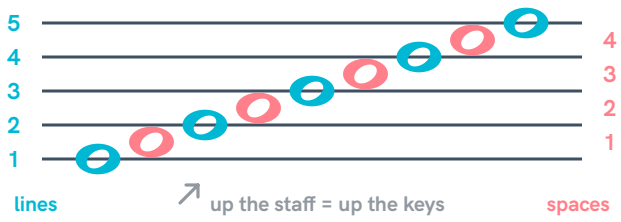
The Staff & the Treble Clef

Handout 350 showed how to find every key on the piano. This one shows where the keys are written: on a **staff** of five lines, named by the **treble clef**. The treble staff holds the higher notes, usually played by the **right hand**.

FIVE LINES, FOUR SPACES

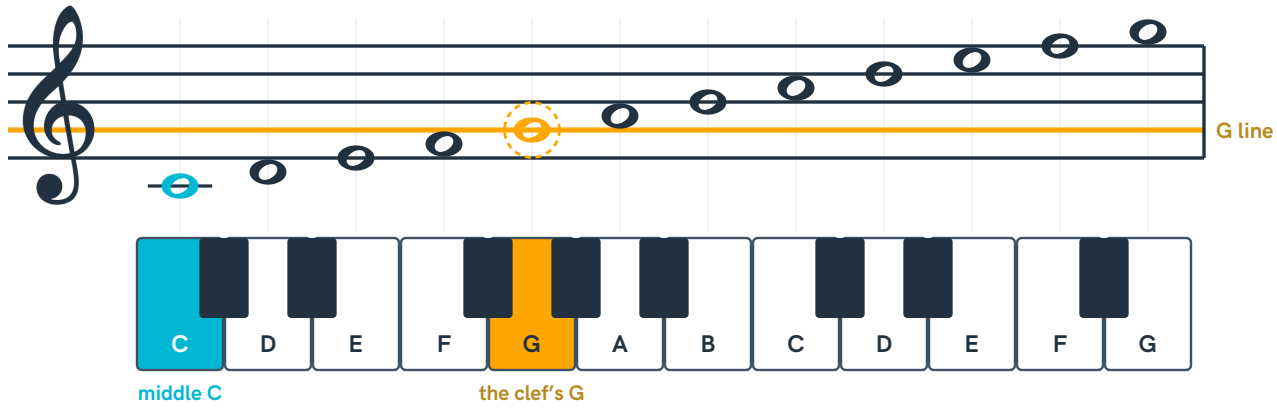


Count the **lines 1 to 5** and the **spaces 1 to 4**, always **from the bottom up**.

A note sits **on a line** (the line runs through its middle) or **in a space** (it fills the gap between two lines).

Lines and spaces take turns. Each step up the staff is **one white key up** the piano: the higher a note sits, the higher it sounds.

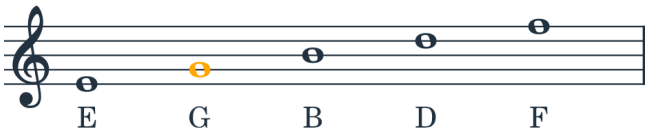
THE TREBLE CLEF NAMES A LINE: G



The treble clef is also called the **G clef**. It curls around **line 2** and makes that line **G**: the first G above middle C. Say the alphabet from G and every line and space has a name. Up the staff: A, B, C, D… Down the staff: F, E, D, and **middle C** on a short line of its own, a **ledger line** (Handout 57). Each note stands straight above its key; Handout 352 continues the map down through the bass staff.

TWO MEMORY TRICKS

The lines bottom to top



Every **G**ood **B**oy **D**oes **F**ine

The spaces bottom to top



they spell **F A C E**

The lines skip a letter each time: E, (F), G, (A), B… The spaces fill in the letters the lines skip.

Try it Play the five line notes from the bottom up, saying **E G B D F**, then the four space notes, **F A C E**. Then put your right thumb on middle C, walk up to G and back, and name each note on the staff as you play it. Practice: **Exercise 01** (the whole treble staff) and **Exercise 22** (middle C to G).

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