

Pentatonic scale



Modern Pentathlon Events

CAN YOU...

- Name the 7 degrees of the scale?
- Name the sol-fa names?

C Major scale



WHAT DO ALL THESE PICTURES HAVE IN COMMON?

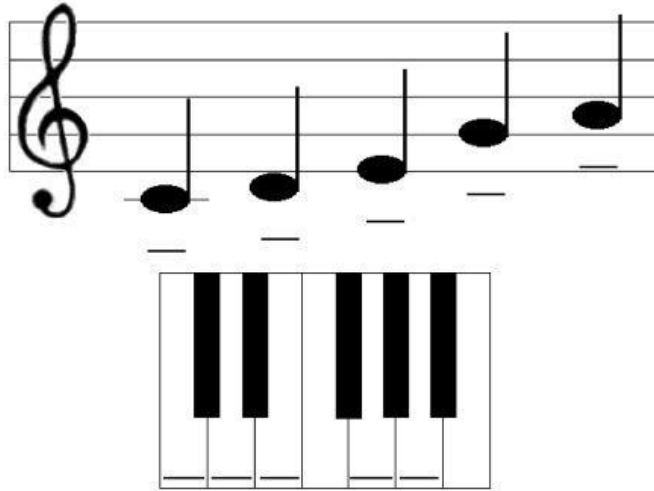


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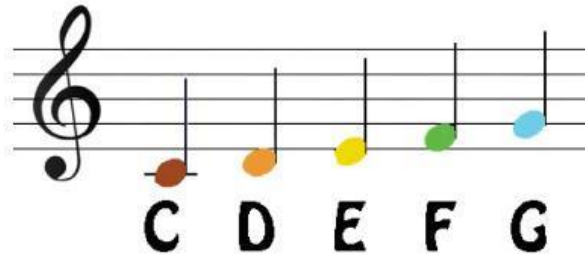
Definition:

A five note sequence of notes, consisting of notes C D E G and A . (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)

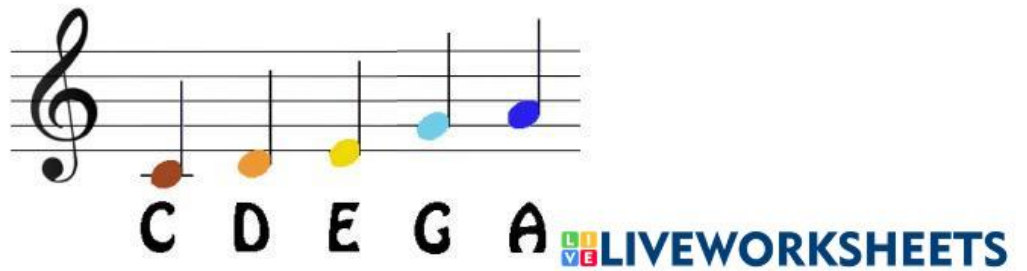


(example: C Pentatonic scale)

Let's learn how to identify the pentatonic scale by ear.
Here are the first 5 notes of a **normal** scale starting on C:

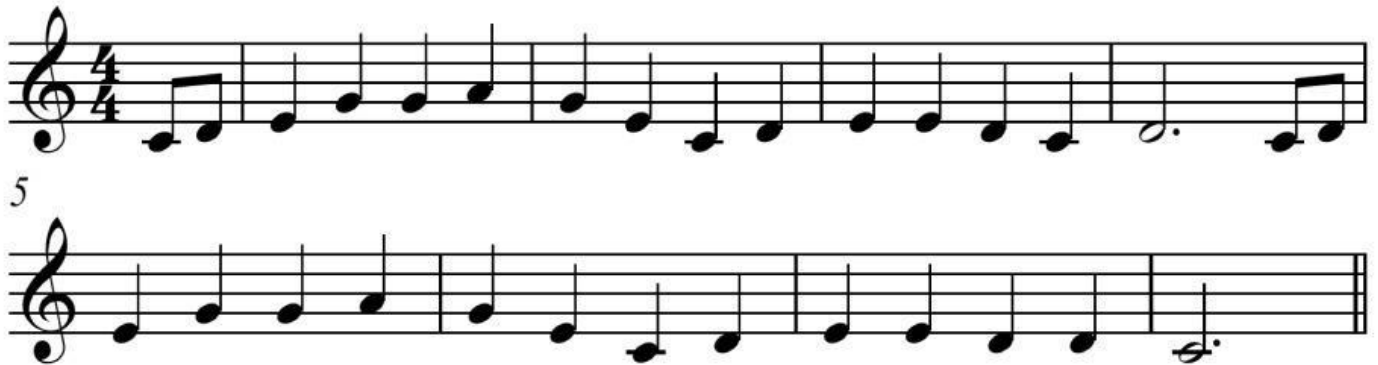


And here is a **pentatonic** scale starting on C:



The pentatonic scale is used in lots of nursery rhymes, folk songs and music from Asian cultures.

Here is the opening of “Oh! Susanna!”, an American folk song by Stephen Foster. Can you identify all the notes?



Here are some well known songs that use the pentatonic scale for you to learn:

<https://www.singup.org/song-bank/song/540-ive-been-to-harlem/>

<https://www.singup.org/song-bank/song/865-candlelight/>

This song actually uses 2 pentatonic melodies. Can you hear how they are put together?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiRdXepruf0>

Now let's listen to some music from other cultures which use the pentatonic scale.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xzNQmuWoy0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfgqHwBdsXw>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BY1XlyQntt4>

