

Key Signatures and Major Scale

A MAJOR SCALE is a group of eight notes ascending or descending a pattern of whole steps and half steps. The major scale pattern is:

W W H W W W H
Whole Step Whole Step Half Step Whole Step Whole Step Whole Step Half Step

Think: W W H W W W H

The order of sharps:



The order of flats:



-you go from left to right, going up and down-

Key Signatures- (How to figure out which key you are playing)

For Sharps, last sharp (farthest to the right) go a half step up.

For Flats, the second to last flat on the staff.

Sharps (#)- Fat Cats Get Dizzy After Eating Birds

Flats (b)-B E A D Greatest Common Factor

Exceptions: C Major= none; F= Bb