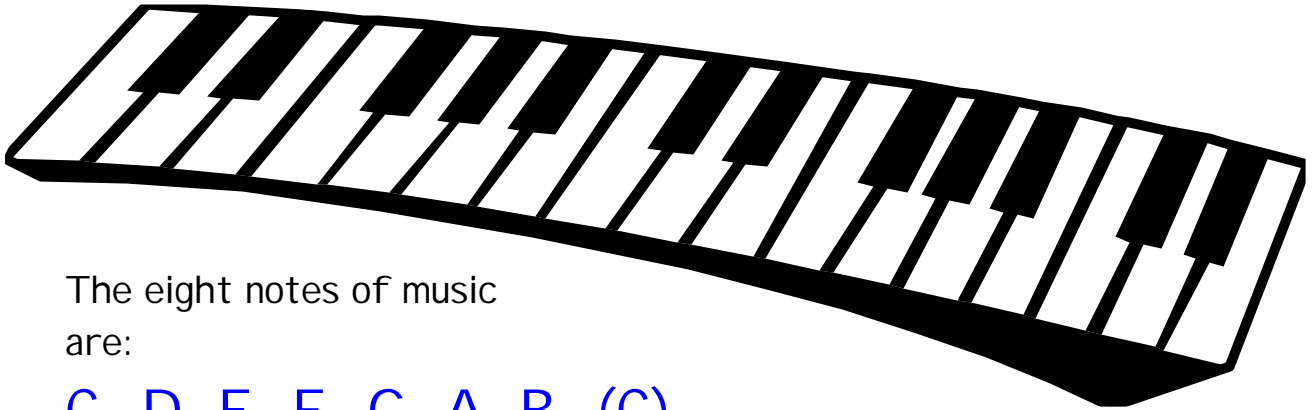


Pentatonic Scale

What is a Scale?

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A scale is made up of 8 notes. The word scale originally meant "ladder". This is because in a scale we work our way up and down the musical letters.



The eight notes of music are:

C D E F G A B (C)

The other notes that we can find are flats **b** and sharps **#** for every note above.

Chinese music uses a different type of scale called the Pentatonic scale.

Can you work out how many notes there would be in this scale?

In China the number five is sacred. There are five elements - fire, earth, water, wood and metal. There are five kinds of grain and five kinds of love. Many Chinese tunes are composed from the scale of five notes. This scale is called Pentatonic.

The following notes make a Pentatonic scale:

F G A C D