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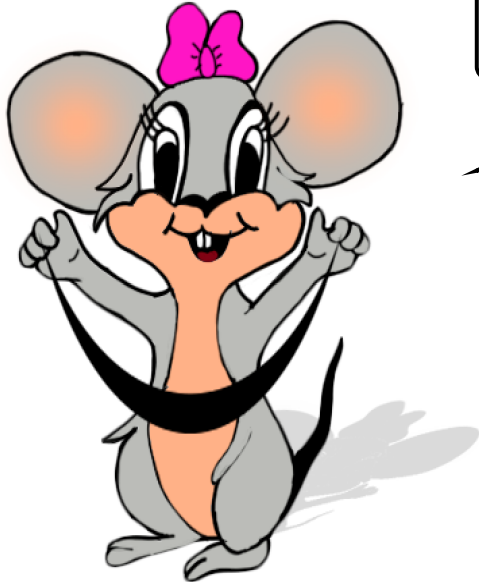
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I can't believe it!
You're already at book five?
You're almost a musician! I said
"almost" because there are lots of rules
that you need to know before you
become the next Mozart!!
Let's keep learning with the next chapter.



Slurs and Ties



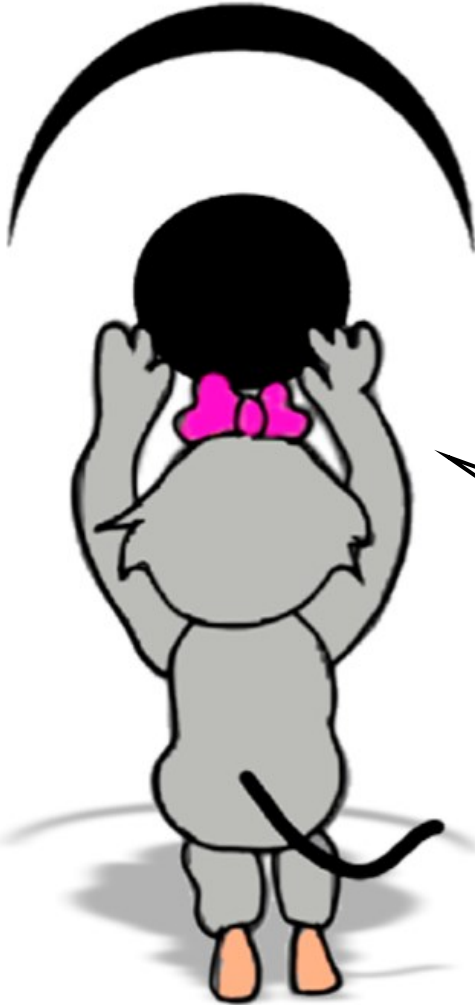
Sometimes you can see a Curved Line, like this one, placed on the bottom or on the top of two Notes.

*Be careful, this is a tricky musical symbol!
It can have two different names and two different ways of performing!*



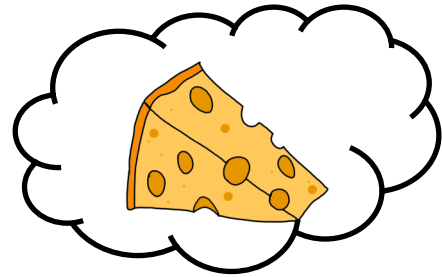
Fermata

*There is one more
Dot that increases
the Note's value:*



*It is a Dot with a
curved line above it.*

*Its name is **FERMATA**.
A Fermata tells you to
hold the Note as long
as the performer or
the conductor decide.*



*Does this mean that I can
hold a Note for half an hour
and eat a piece of cheese?*



*Nice try!
You just hold only for a few
seconds!*

Staccato

When a Dot is written above or below the Note, it detaches part of the Note's value.

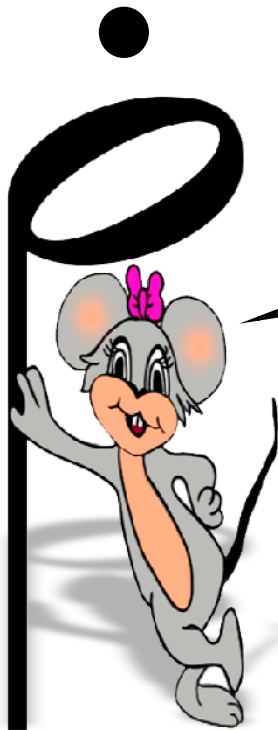


*When you see those Dots, you need to play **Staccato**!*



STAC....what?





STACCATO!
It means to play detached.

How do you play detached?



*It's exactly the opposite of
Legato!*



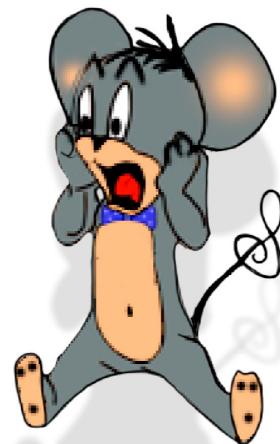
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*If the piano keys are very hot
while you're playing, what
do you do?*



*I first scream, and
immediately after I remove
my finger from the key!*

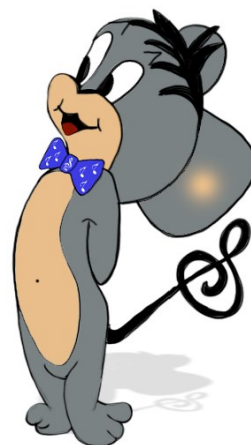


Ouch!!

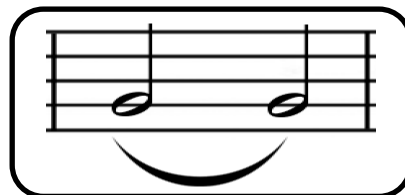
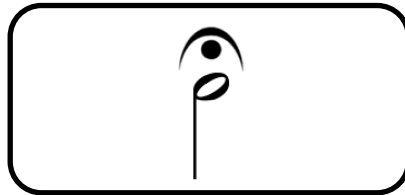
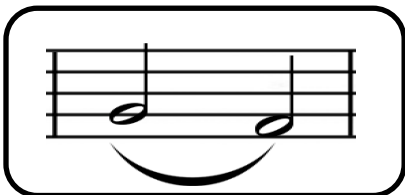
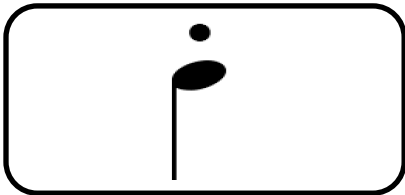
*That's exactly how you play
detached!
Without screaming !*



*Well.... That was quite
clear!!*



Write a **S** under each
Staccato Note and a **L**
under each **Legato** Note.



Use the same color
on the matching
boxes.



SLUR

FERMATA

PHRASE

TIE

STACCATO

Sharp

*Do you know
what this is?*



*Yes! This is a
Tic Tac Toe
shape!
Would you like
to play?*



*HA HA HA
You're so funny!*



WHY?



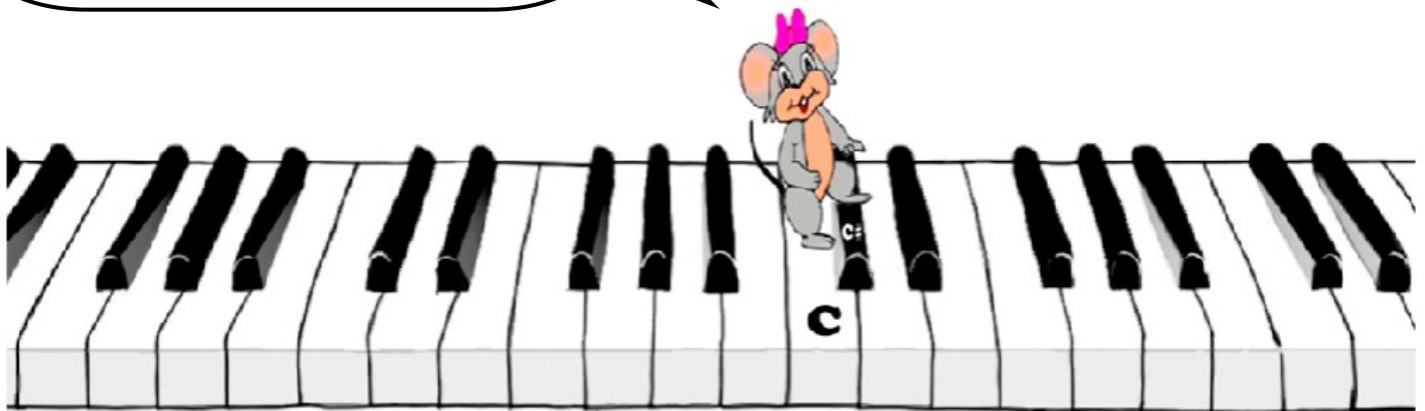


*It seems like it,
but it's not!!
It's a **Sharp Sign**!*

Sharp Sign?



*Yes! The **Sharp Sign** before
a Note means play the next
key to the right, whether
black*



Or white!

