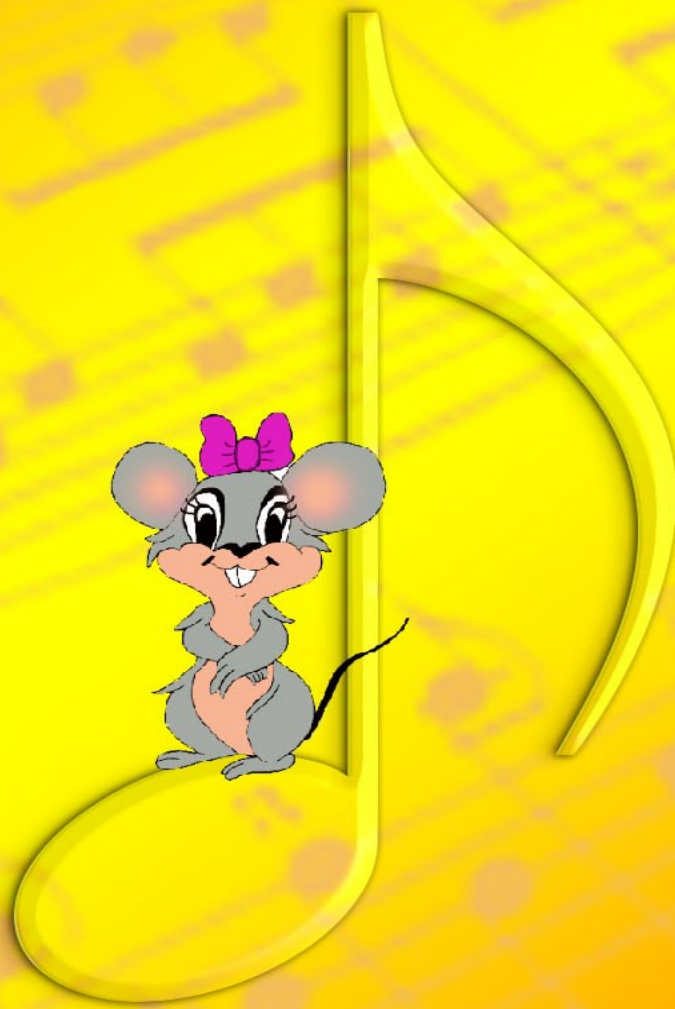


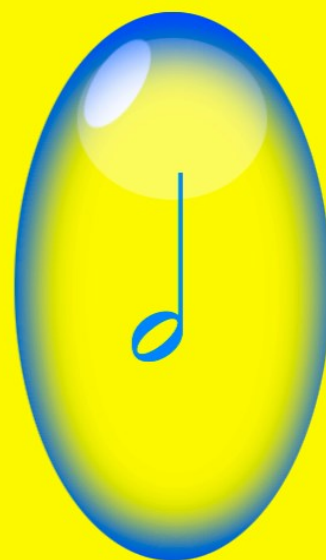
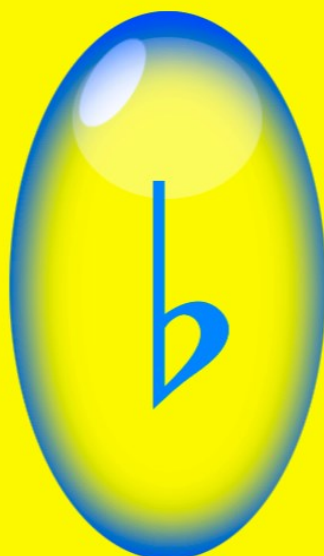
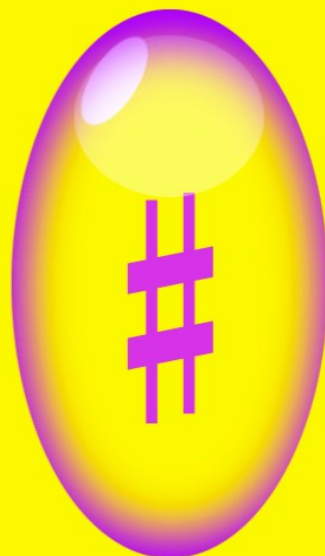
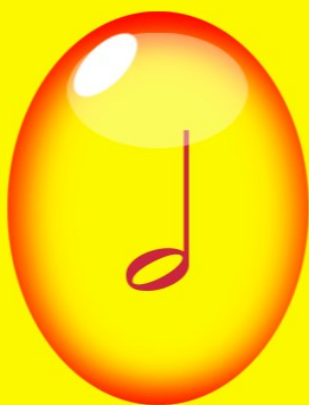
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Preface

Music is a language, and Music Theory is it's grammar. To speak a language fluently and, more importantly - properly, it is necessary to know and understand it's grammar in every detail.

That's why it is very important every student, who wants to learn how to play an instrument, or learn how to sing properly, should know ALL Music Theory rules to become the perfect musician or singer.

Teaching Music Theory to early beginners is not easy, especially if the work is done orally, and without any written activities (particularly with young people). I remember, as a student, how boring it was for me to memorize all the music rules and remember them during my piano performances. I also did not understand why I needed to know so many details and those musical signs - if those signs were not showing on the music that I was playing at that time. But when I was ready to play music from Bach or Chopin, all those details come up one by one and I was very happy to be able to know them very well. That's why now, as a teacher, I know how important it is to teach theory to the student that starts a musical journey beside their instrument.

Through fun and cartoons, this book explains the main concepts of Music Theory. Using puzzles, games, and other challenging activities, early beginners will learn the basic concepts of Music Theory to start a lifetime of musical advancement and enjoyment, without getting bored.

My book collection "Mela Dee Mouse" can be used to teach the basic rules of the music language; knowledge that is necessary to start learning any instrument. The last book of this collection contains activities to review the basic rules studied, making the student ready for "Antonella's Music Theory" books - advanced studies and practice. This last book is in two volumes for advanced students to develop and complete their musical education.

Welcome to YOUR new adventure in Music.

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*Hi! I'm Mela Dee Mouse and I am
here to teach you some important
rules so you can learn how to play an
instrument!*



Music

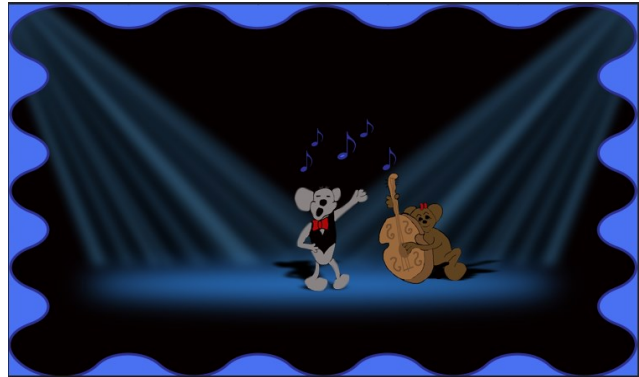


*Do you know
what **music** is?*

We like hearing a bird sing and a melody played by a musical instrument. We like listening to singers on the radio.

Everything that we like to hear is called a **Sound**.

Music is made by many nice **Sounds** put together.



Sound Names

*Every **Sound** has a name.*

Those names are the same as the alphabet letters!

*Those **Sounds** are called **Notes**.*

*Because there are seven **Notes**, they take the first seven letters of the alphabet:*

A B C D E F G



What Is the Picture About?



*Color all the shapes that have **Note** names and you will see the picture.*

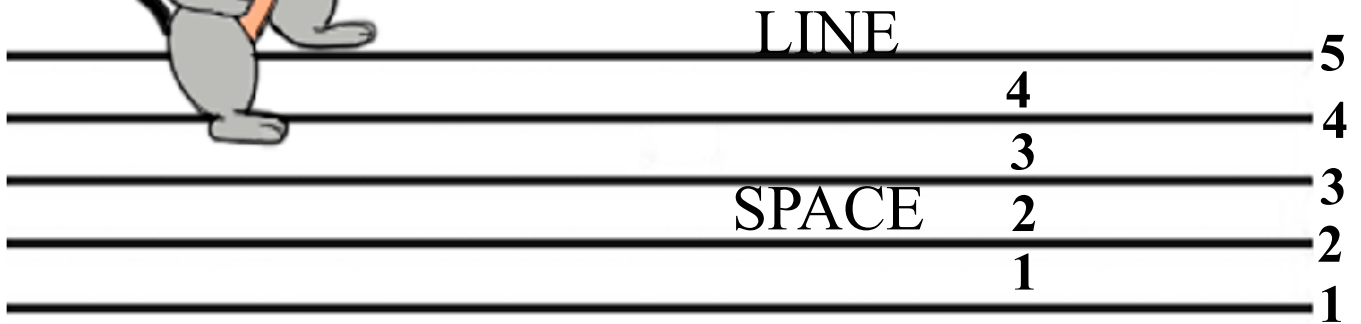


Staff



*Notes are written on the **Staff**.*

*The **Staff** has five Lines and four Spaces.*



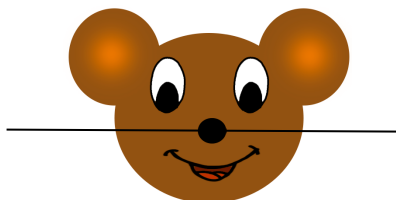
Notes can be written on the Lines or in the Spaces.

*A **Note** is written on the Line when the Line goes through the Note Head.*

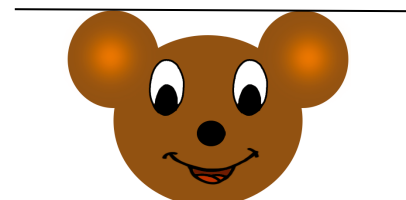
*A **Note** is in the Space when it is written between two Lines.*



Note on the Line

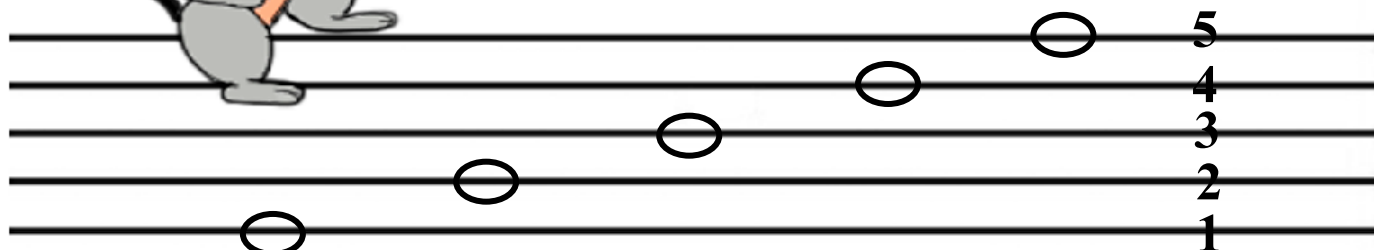


Note in the Space

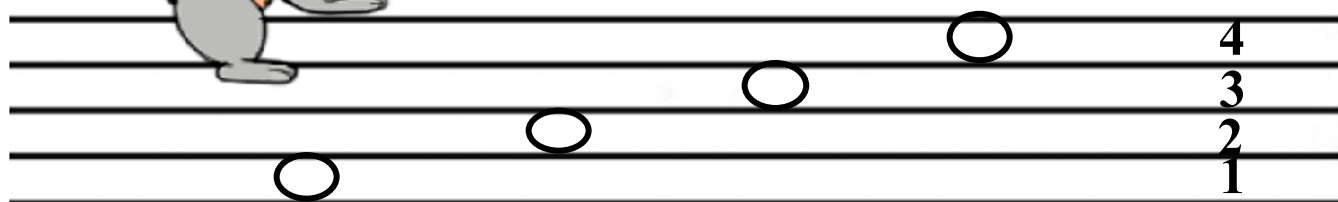




*Notes on the
Lines*



*Notes in the
Spaces*



*Remember: Lines and
Spaces are always counted
from the bottom to the top!*



5th line	_____	4th space	_____
4th line	_____	3rd space	_____
3rd line	_____	2nd space	_____
2nd line	_____	1st space	_____
1st line	_____		

Clef

*The **Clef** is a sign written at the beginning of the Staff. It gives the Notes their names.*

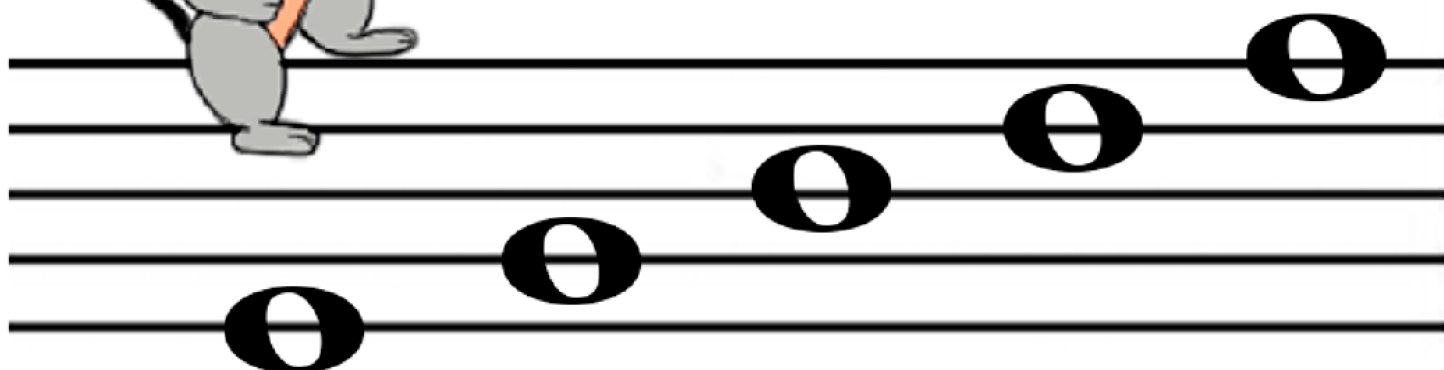
*The name of this
Clef is
Treble Clef*



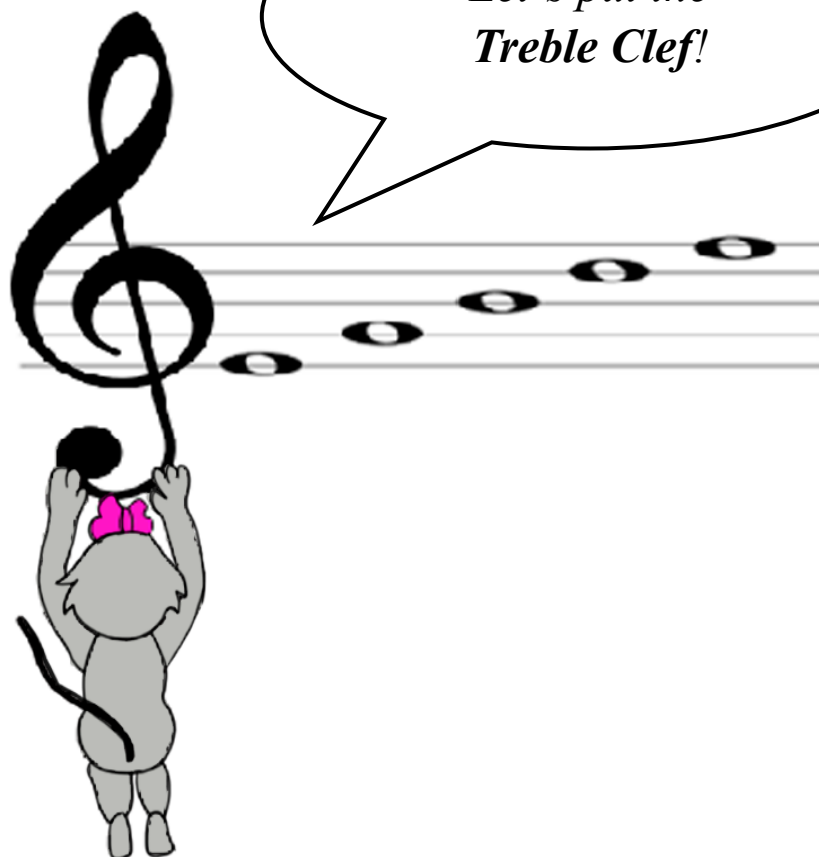


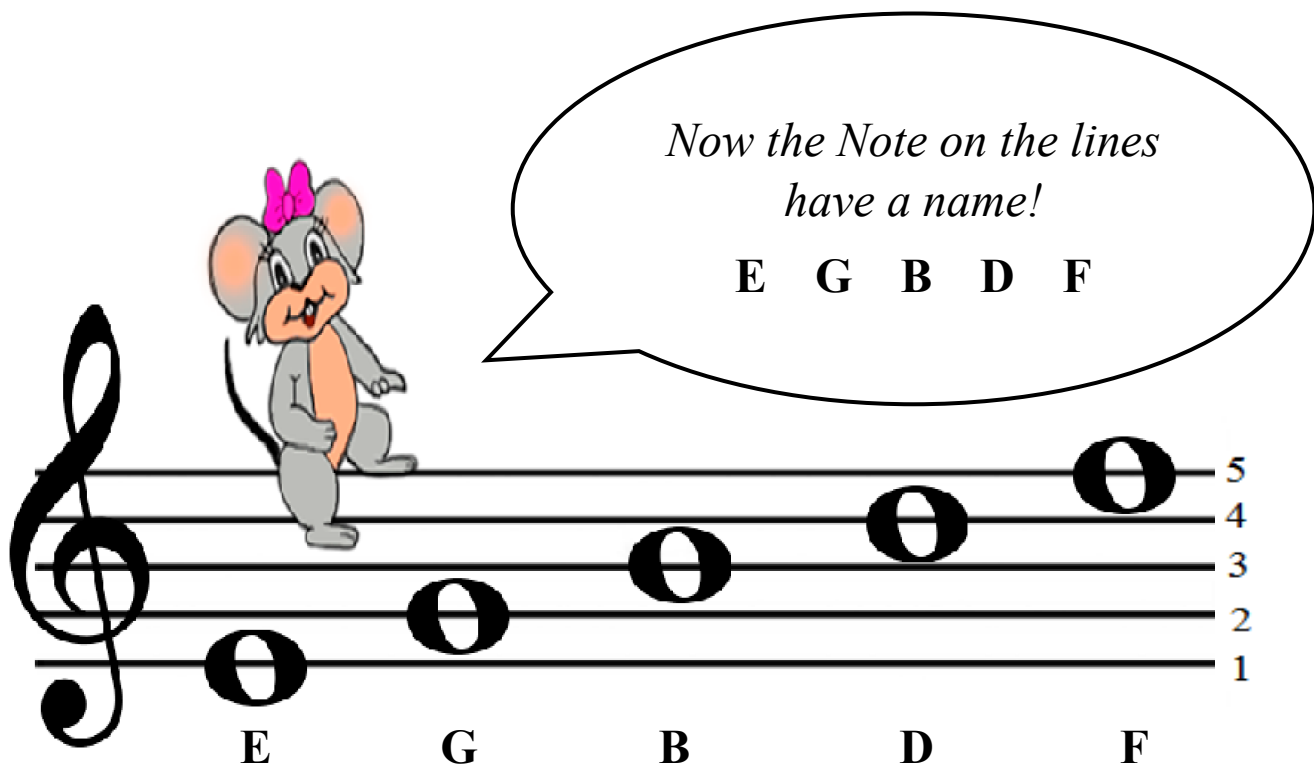
*These are the Notes on the lines.
Look! There is no **Clef** written at
the beginning of the Staff!*

*This means the Notes have no
name!*



*Let's put the
Treble Clef!*

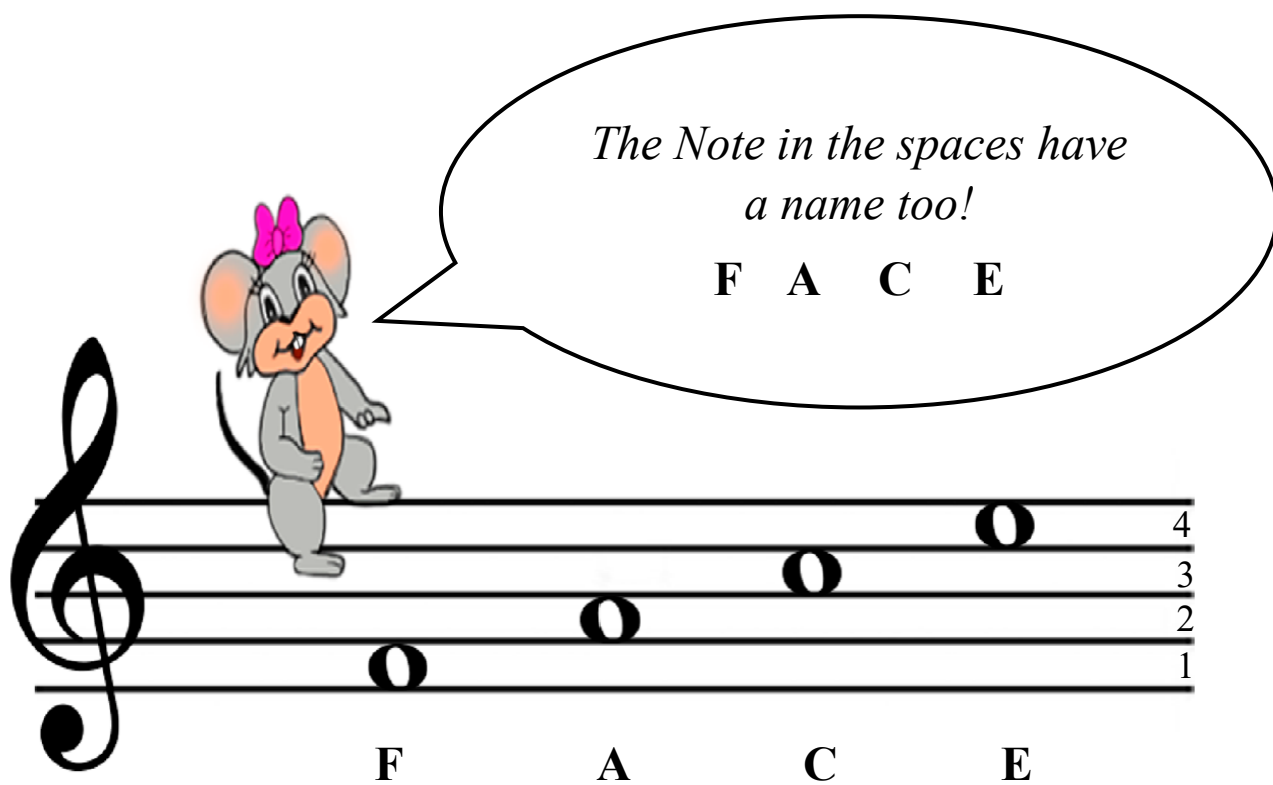




*Now the Note on the lines
have a name!*

E G B D F

E G B D F



*The Note in the spaces have
a name too!*

F A C E

F A C E

*Do I need to memorize
them?*



*Of course!
But don't worry! I know a
secret that makes it easy to
memorize them!*



Think about the sentence:

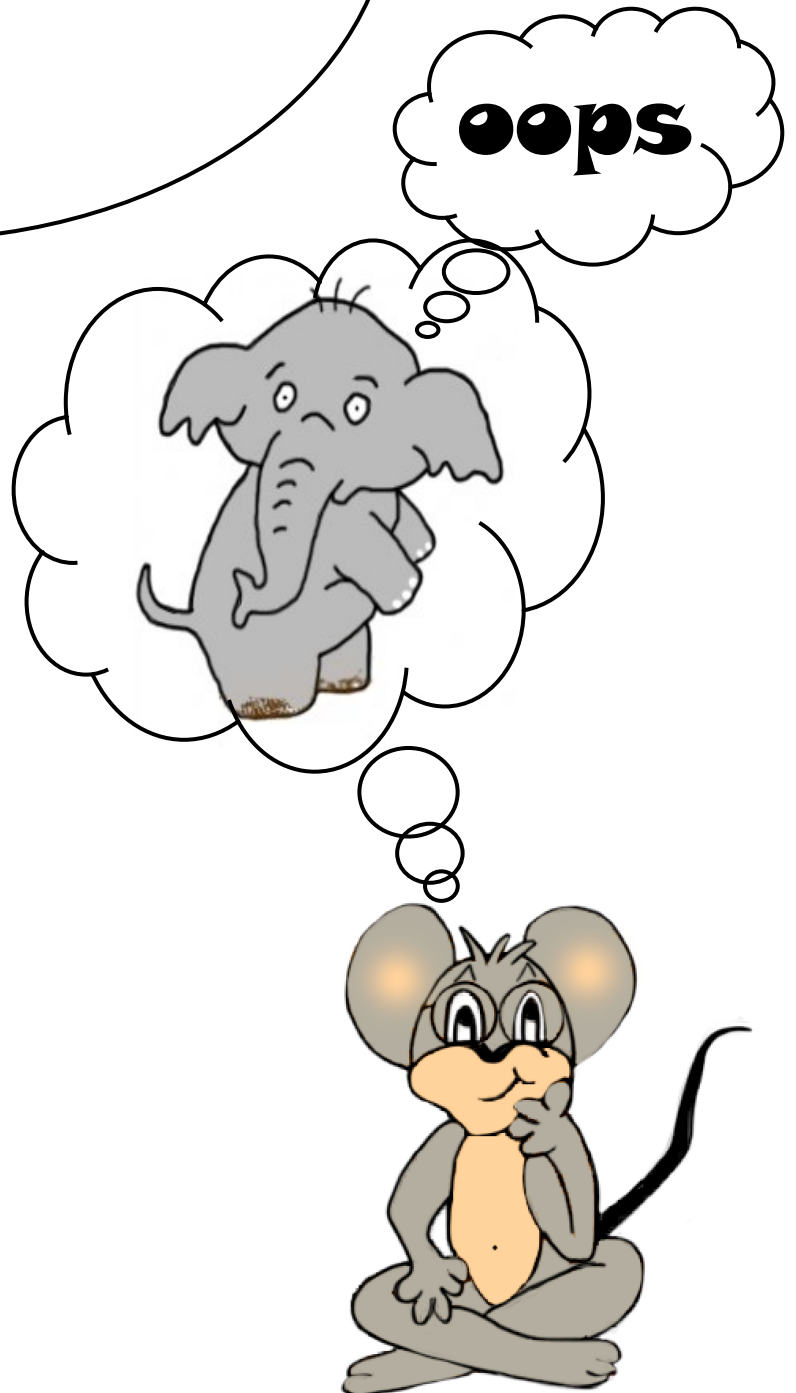
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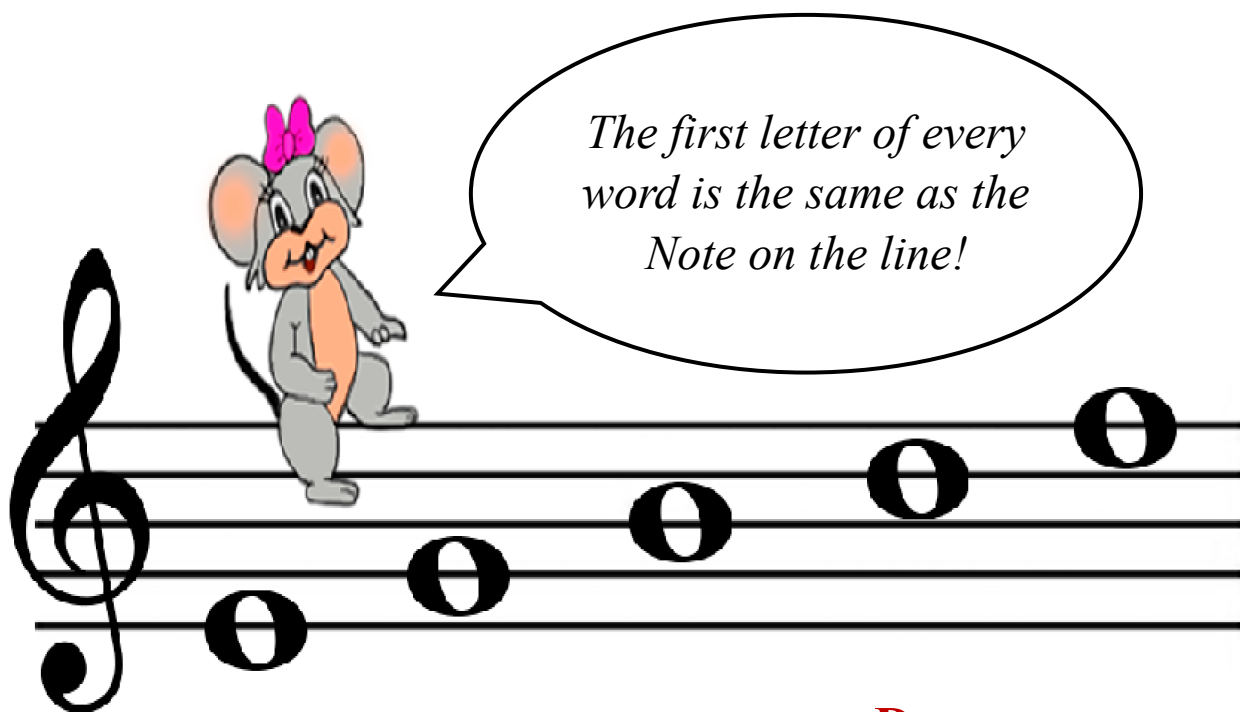
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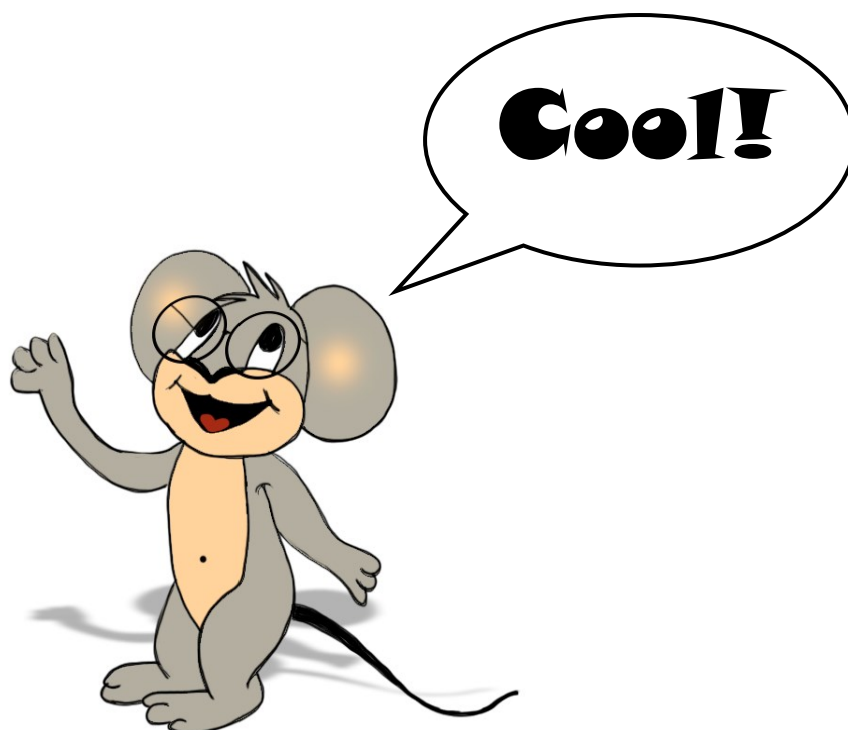
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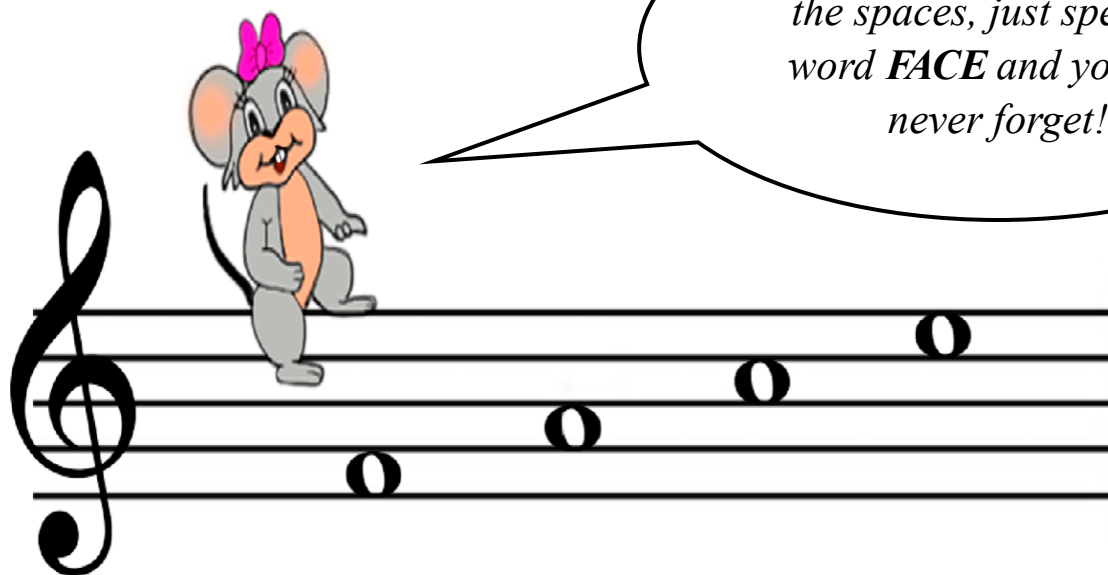
Feet





E	G	B	D	F
L	E	I	I	E
E	T	G	R	E
P			T	T
H			Y	
A				
N				
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S				





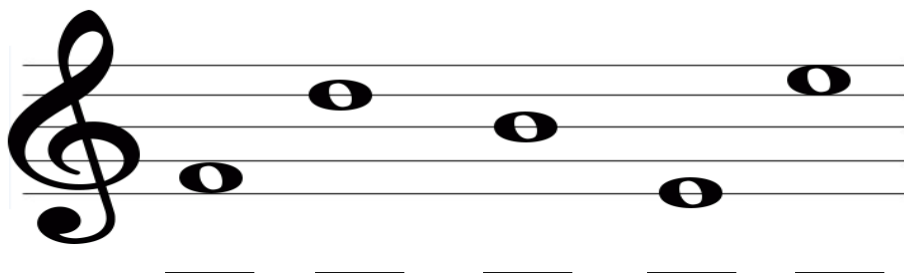
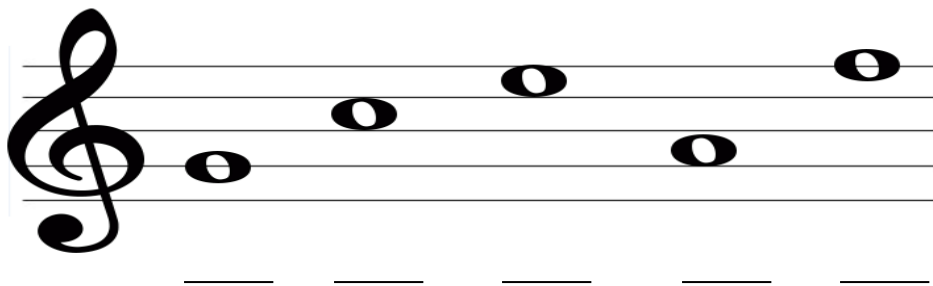
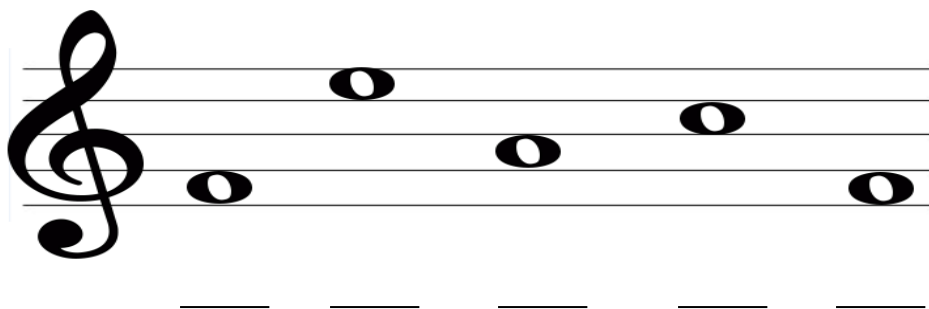
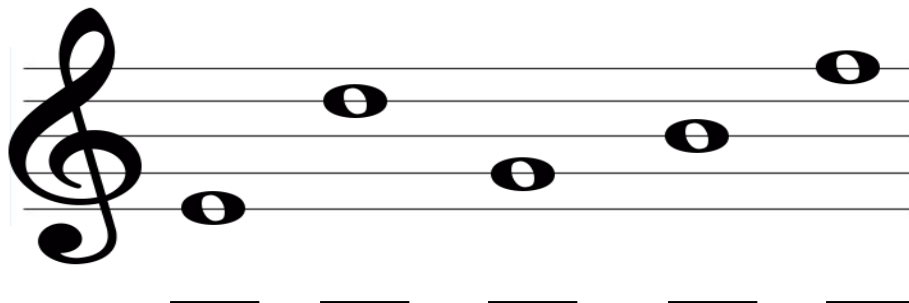
F A C E

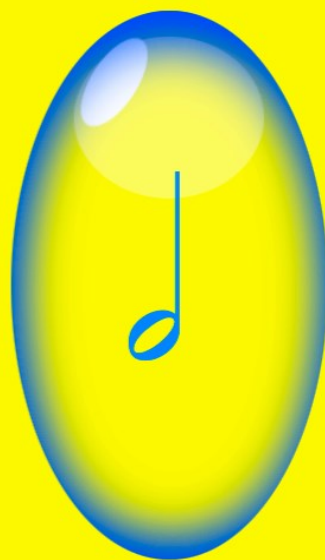
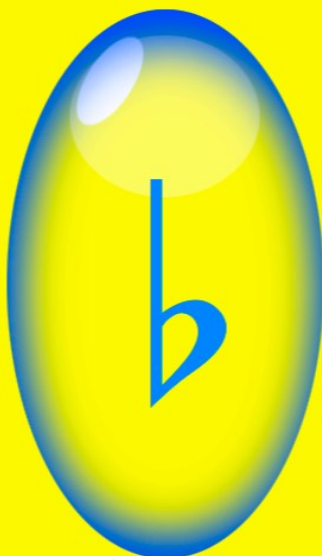
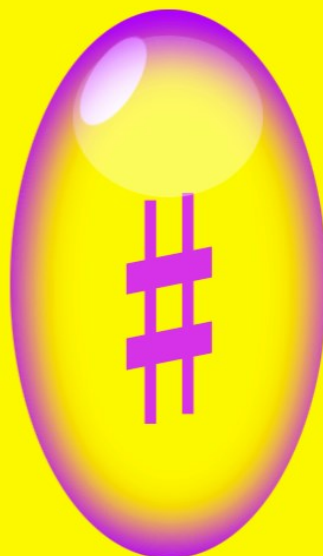
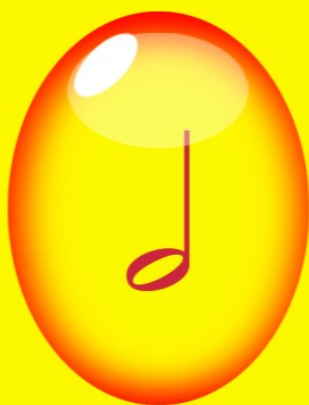


*Did you memorize them?
Let's see how good you are!
Write the Notes on the next
page!*



*Write
the
name
of the
Notes.*





Would you like to
learn some more ?
You're now ready
for Book Two!



The End

