



# Piano Basics

Free Knowledge Mission

# What we'll cover

- Brain exercises
- Finger posture
- Piano sizes
- Key/Note locations
- Intervals
- Chords
- Practice

# Train your Brain

Part of learning the psychological component

You don't have to be a child to learn

Anyone can play with both hands

# Finger Terminology

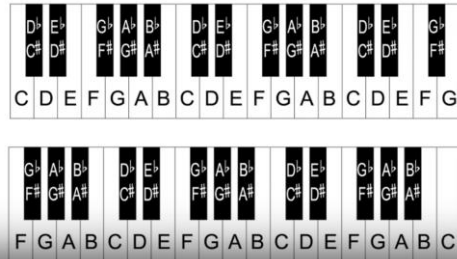
Finger count 1 - 10

Curve your fingers – Play with a straight wrist

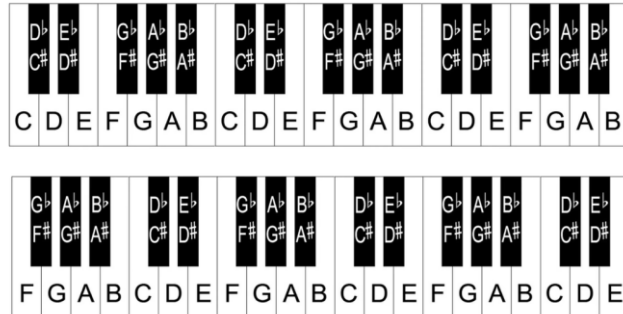
First three fingers play C,D,E then tuck your thumb to play F,G, A, B

# Common Keyboard Sizes

### 32-Key Keyboards



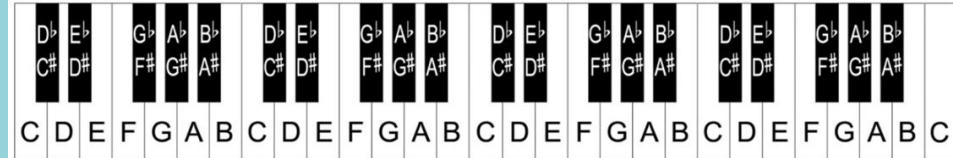
### 36-Key Keyboards



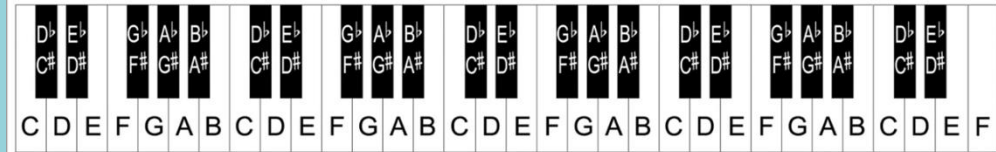
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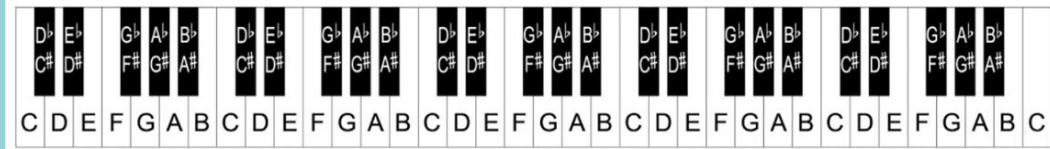
### 49- Key Keyboard



### 54 - Key Keyboard



### 61-Key Keyboard



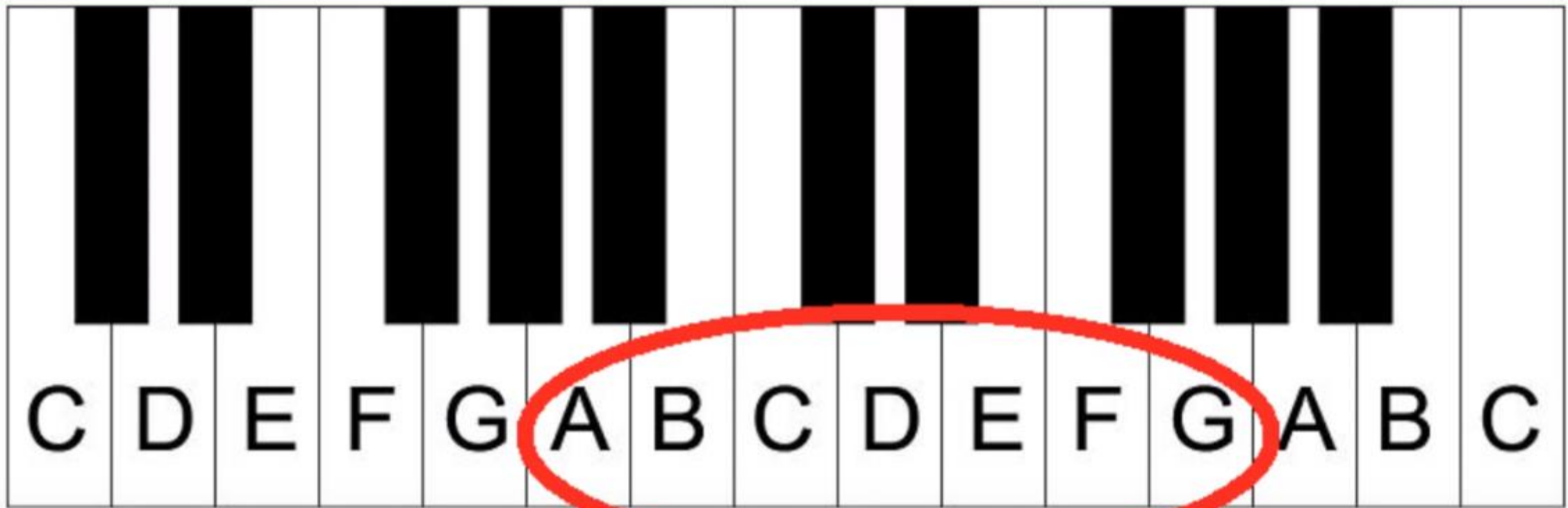
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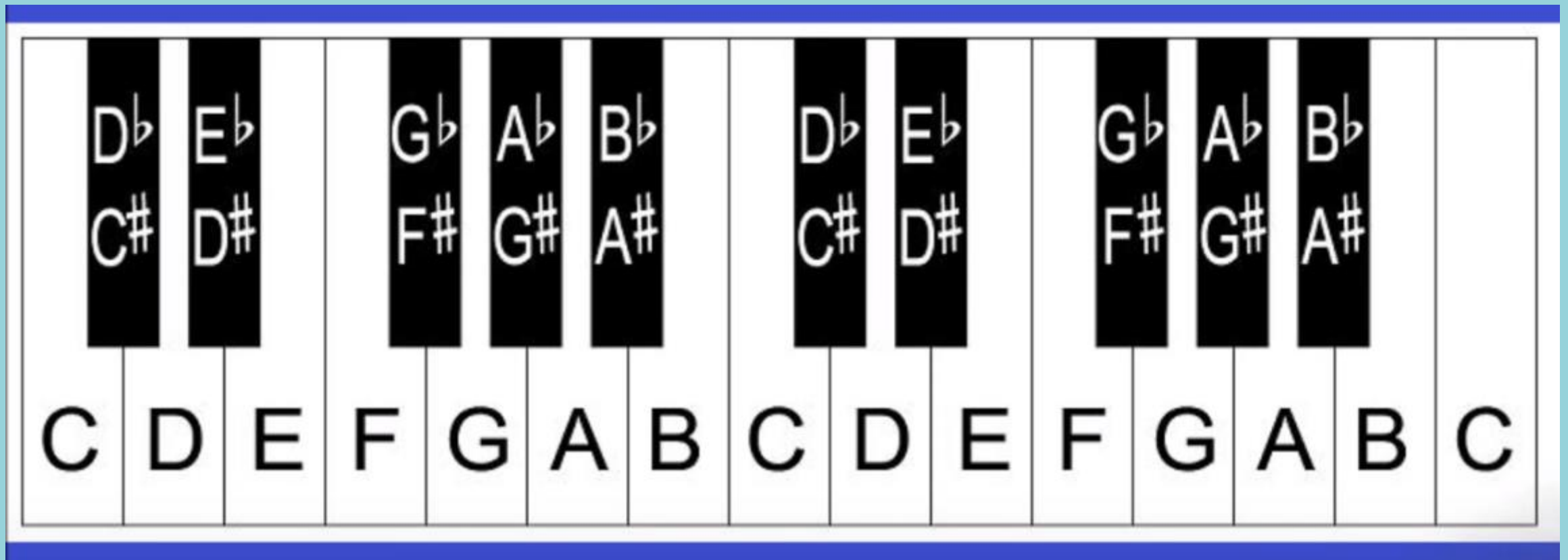
### 88-Key Piano Keyboard Layout



# The Musical Alphabet



# Keyboard Layout



# Intervals & Scales

Semi-tone – half step/note up or down

Whole tone – two steps/notes up or down

8 natural notes or 13 notes in an octave

Practice playing an octave up and down



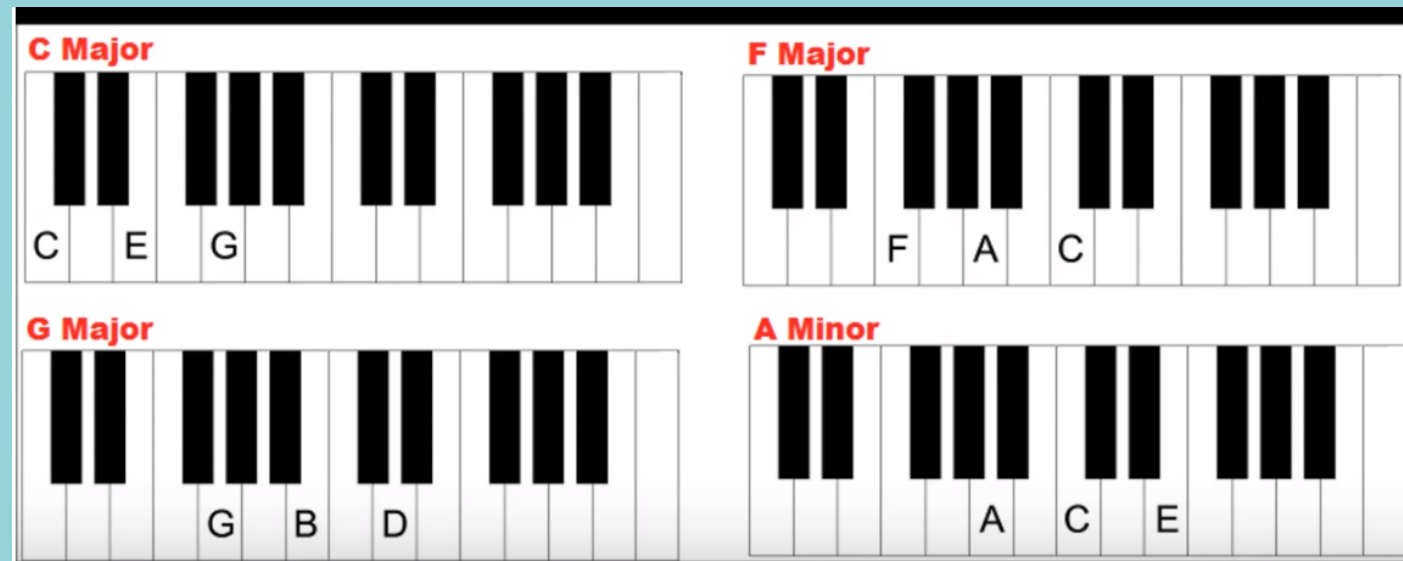
# Chords

Chord: Group of three or more notes played together to create harmony.

A three note chord is called a triad containing three different notes played at the same time

Chord inversion is moving down two notes.

Minor Chord consists of root plus minor third plus perfect fifth of major scale.  
Example: Notes of A minor chord are A-C-E



- Songs with chords
- Happy Birthday
- Hot Cross Buns
- Twinkle Twinkle

# Practice Songs

# Resources

- [Piano Keyboard Guide](#)