

# Western Music Notation

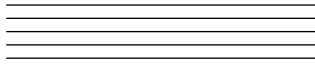
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## 1 Staff

The **staff** or **stave** is a set of five horizontal lines and four spaces that each represent a different note.



## 2 Clef

A **clef** is a musical symbol used to indicate which notes are represented by the lines and spaces on a musical stave. There are mainly 3 types of clefs.



## 3 Key Signature

A **key signature** is a set of symbols placed on the staff at the beginning of a section of music. The initial key signature is placed right after the clef.

The symbols are  $\sharp$ ,  $\flat$  and  $\natural$