

Score

Naming the 12 Notes in Music

There are 12 different notes or "flavors" in music

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

4 This note would not be a 13th flavor because it is the same letter name as the first note (different octave).

Here are the same exact 12 flavors but up an octave.

8 Here are the notes with letter names.

C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B

11 Here are the same exact pitches again, this time using flats and with a numbering system that musicians use.

14 Here are the same exact 12 pitches again, this time with sharps on both ways of naming.

17 One advantage is that the major scale, arguably the most famous scale in music, are just numbers 1-8.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 This number is where the word octave comes from.

19 The second advantage is that even when studying music in many different keys, this way of naming always stays the same.

The third advantage is that this numbering systems lends itself to being able to play the same thing in different keys.

