

BEGINNER PIANO LESSONS

14 Week Course
By Dylan Laine

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INTRODUCTION

Before Getting Started...



Hello! My name is Dylan Laine and I will be guiding you through this fourteen-week course. I am so glad you're here! At the bottom of each lesson, you will find a link titled, "Click To View Video." The link will take you to a YouTube video that dives deeper into the lesson. **NOTE:** Links will work when you are viewing this e-book on a computer. On a mobile device or tablet, you will need to open this e-book via Apple Books or Adobe Acrobat Reader. Both apps are free. Each link will only show you the related video once the video has been made public on YouTube. Enjoy!

WEEK ONE

Lesson One: Sitting At The Piano



- 1** Sit on the front half of your bench or chair.
- 2** Adjust the keyboard stand or bench height.
- 3** Keys should be elbow-height.
- 4** Rest your hands on the keys.
- 5** Elbows should rest in front of your stomach.
- 6** Adjust your bench if needed for #4.
- 7** Loosen your wrists, straighten your back.
- 8** Keep your feet flat on the ground or stool.

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WEEK ONE

Lesson Two: Finger Numbers



Remember:

Thumb = Finger 1

Pointer = Finger 2

Middle = Finger 3

Ring = Finger 4

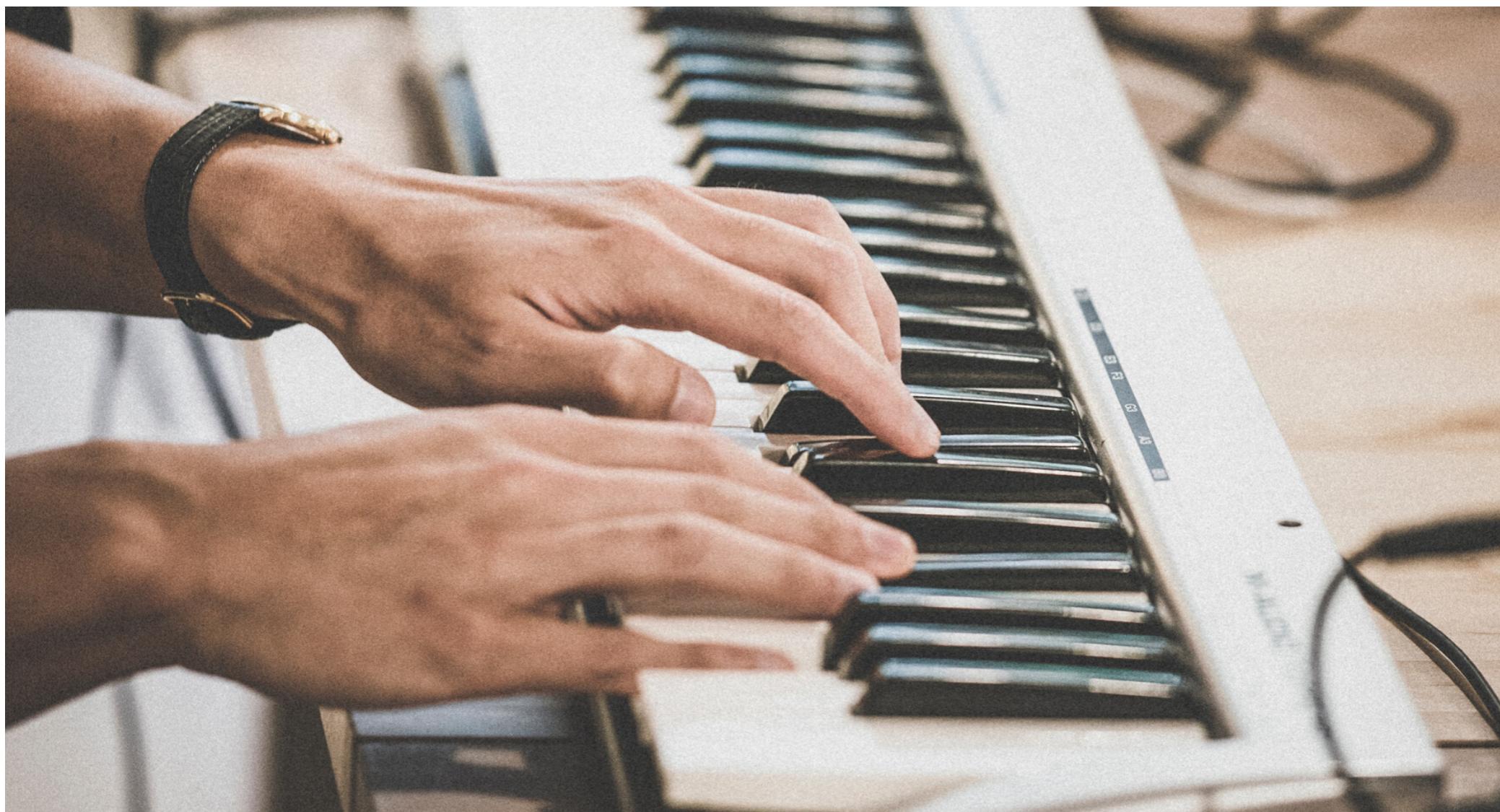
Pinky = Finger 5



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WEEK ONE

Lesson Three: Hand Position



- 1** Place both hands on the keys.
- 2** Keep your fingers curved and relaxed.
- 3** Imagine a small ball beneath your palms.
- 4** Make sure your wrists stay loose.



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WEEK TWO

Lesson Four: Finding Middle C



Where Is Middle C?

On the piano, each key has a specific note name. Black keys occur in groups of two and three, and each white key directly to the left of two black keys is a C note. On an 88-key keyboard, middle C is the fourth C from the left. On a 76-key, 61-key, and 49-key keyboard, it is the third C from the left.



WEEK TWO

Lesson Five: The Musical Alphabet

A B C D
E F G

Memorize:

The **musical alphabet** is made of letters A through G. After G, the alphabet starts back over again at A!



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WEEK TWO

Lesson Six: White Piano Keys



White Piano Keys

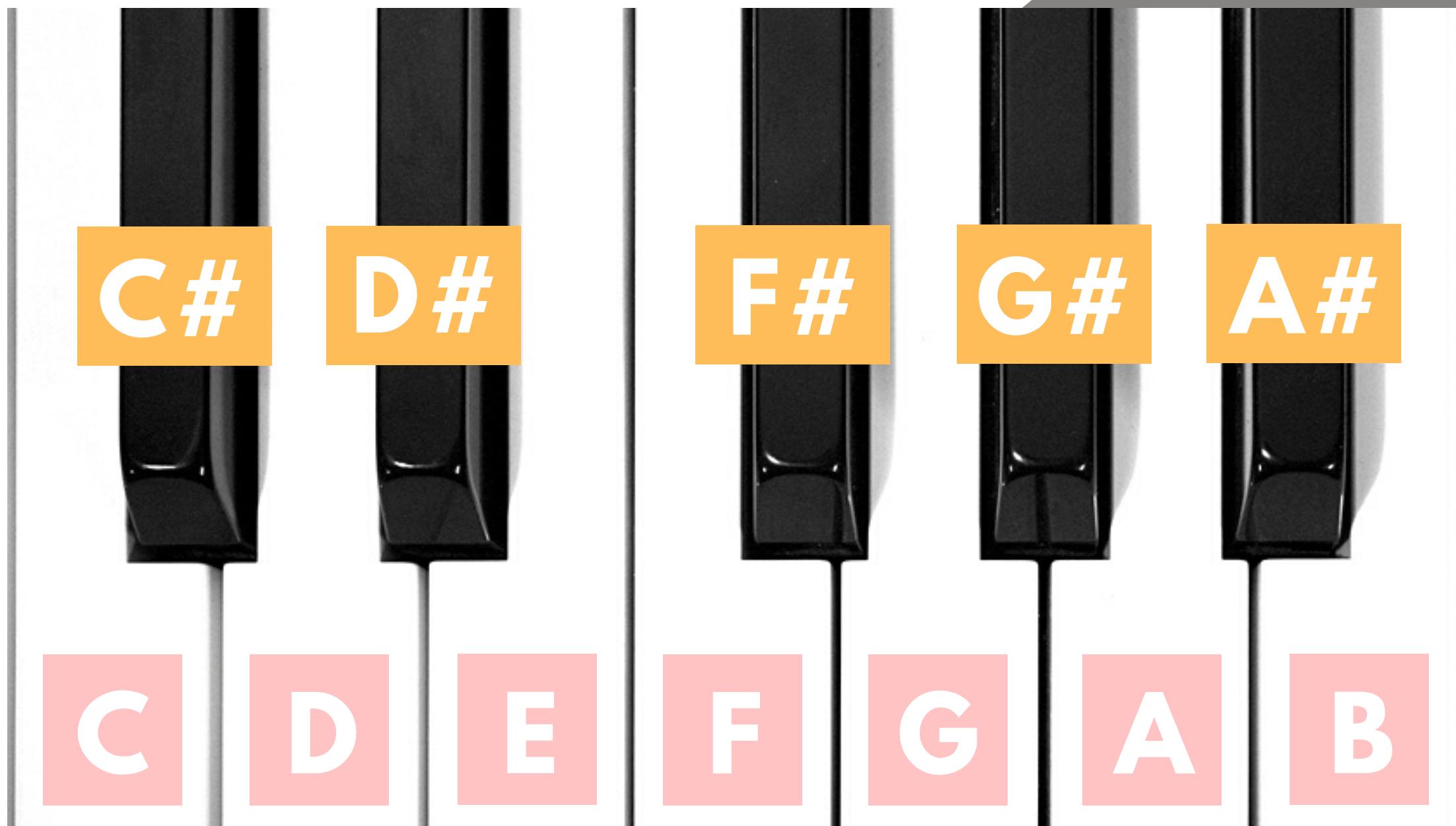
C is a white piano key directly to the left of two black keys. If we ascend using white keys, the musical alphabet tells us which note comes next. For example, D is the white key above C. E is the white key above D, and so on. These notes are referred to as "natural" because they are neither "sharp" nor "flat." We will learn more about sharps and flats in lessons seven and eight.



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WEEK THREE

Lesson Seven: Sharps



What Is A Sharp?

A **sharp** (written as "#") note is one key above the natural version of itself. For example, **C#** is the black key immediately to the right of a **C natural**.



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Lesson Eight: Flats

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Lesson Thirteen: Major Chords

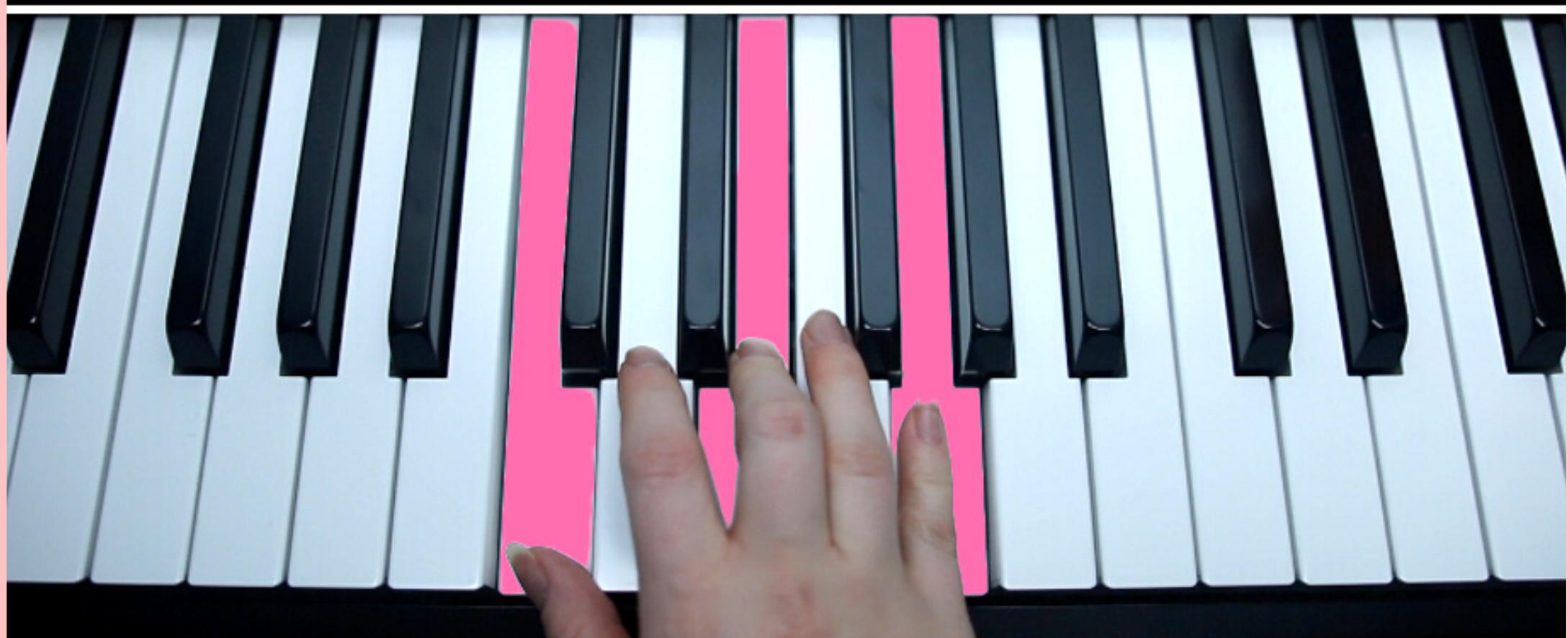
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WEEK FIVE

Lesson Fourteen: C Major Chord

C Major C E G R:135



Right Hand



Finger 1 on C



Finger 3 on E



Finger 5 on G



Play CEG
together!

Left Hand



Finger 5 on C



Finger 3 on E



Finger 1 on G



Play CEG
together!

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Lesson Fifteen: G Major Chord

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**Blessings,
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