

Drawing particular key signatures

Question 1 – Is the key a flat key signature or a sharp key signature?

Flat Keys

F B \flat E \flat A \flat D \flat G \flat C \flat

Sharp Keys

G D A E B F \sharp C \sharp G \sharp

Then use the rule in reverse

Sharp keys

Go down a half step for the last sharp

Draw all the sharps up to the sharp

Sharps in order:

Fat Cats Go Down Alleys Eating Birds

Flat keys

The name of the key is the 2nd last flat

Draw the flats up to that point and then draw one more

Flats in order:

BEAD GCF (Go Call Fred; Greatest Common Factor)

Sample: Draw the key signature for the key of G.

1st: G is a sharp key

Down a half step is F \sharp

2nd: Draw all the sharps up to F \sharp

Key signature is just F \sharp



Sample: Draw the key signature for E \flat

1st: E \flat is a flat key

2nd: Draw the flats up to E \flat and then one more

BE and one more is A



Key Signature construction drill - <http://www.teoria.com/exercises/ks.htm>

(Google “key signature drill”. The third link.)