
CONCEPTS COVERED: Key signatures

STUDENT LEVEL: Early intermediate/grade 2



SIGNATURE SPRINT

HOW TO PLAY

- All players place their game token at the bottom of the keyboard.
- All players pick a card and place it face up in front of them (or spin the DecideNow app and remember their key signature).
- The first player rolls the die and moves forward that many keys – in the key signature in front of them. For example, if they had the key of G major and rolled a six, they would move B – C – D – E – F# – G.
- If the player makes a mistake, she falls back down to the nearest C below.
- After a successful turn, the player can choose a new key signature themselves, or pick a player to choose a new key signature.
- The winner is the first to reach the top of the keyboard.

ASSEMBLY

To assemble this game:

- Print pages 3–12 of this pdf double-sided. You may wish to omit pages 11–12 if you want to exclude the key signatures of 7 sharps/flats.
- Pick and choose which key signatures to include.

OR:

- Set up the DecideNow app with the key signatures you want to drill.
- Print pages 13–14 of this pdf.
- Cut along the lines and tape the keyboard together (leave a little space between pages so that it will fold nicely to store away).
- You will also need a game token (eraser, button, paperclip) for each player, and a die.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Signature Sprint reinforces the key signatures, corresponding scales, and the patterns they form on the piano.

You can pick and choose which key signature cards to include based on where your student is up to in their studies, or use the full set to practice quick movement between the keys.

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