

## Finding Notes in a Major Key

To find all of the pitches in any major key, we can use one simple formula:

**W W H W W W H**

*The W stands for a whole step, as in the distance between the notes C and D.*

*The H stands for a half step, as in the distance between the notes C and Db.*

Let's look at an example. Suppose we want to find all of the notes in the key of A.

There are just three steps to accomplish this.

### 1. Write all of the letters within the octave:

A B C D E F G A

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### 2. Fill in the Major Scale Formula:

W W H W W W H

A B C D E F G A

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### 3. Fill in the sharps or flats so the notes conform to the formula:

W W H W W W H

A B C# D E F# G# A

That's it! Now you can find the pitches in any key you like following the same steps! Try finding the notes in new keys on your own to practice your knowledge!