

## Finding Notes in a Minor Key

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

**W H W W H W W**

*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 C minor.

There are just three steps to accomplish this.

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

C D E F G A B C

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

W H W W H W W

C D E F G A B C

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

W H W W H W W

C D Eb F G Ab Bb C

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!