

Notation for pitch – understanding the treble and bass clefs

Below we have four staves which show the position of each note. For the sake of clarity we have listed notes according to whether they fall on lines, or in the spaces between the lines.

Please feel free to return to this page, or even print it out and pin it on a wall, so that you can refer to it should you have difficulty remembering where each note falls on the staff.

Treble Clef – Notes that fall in the spaces on the treble staff

1 2 3 4

F A C E

This musical staff shows four measures of music in a treble clef. Each measure contains a single note in a space between the lines. The notes are F (first space), A (second space), C (third space), and E (fourth space). The bass staff is empty with a bar line in each measure.

Treble Clef – Notes that fall on the lines on the treble staff

1 2 3 4 5

E G B D F

This musical staff shows five measures of music in a treble clef. Each measure contains a single note on a line. The notes are E (first line), G (second line), B (third line), D (fourth line), and F (fifth line). The bass staff is empty with a bar line in each measure.

Bass Clef – Notes that fall in the spaces on the bass staff

1 2 3 4

A C E G

This musical staff shows four measures of music in a bass clef. Each measure contains a single note in a space between the lines. The notes are A (first space), C (second space), E (third space), and G (fourth space). The treble staff is empty with a bar line in each measure.

Bass Clef – Notes that fall on the lines on the bass staff

1 2 3 4 5

G B D F A

This musical staff shows five measures of music in a bass clef. Each measure contains a single note on a line. The notes are G (first line), B (second line), D (third line), F (fourth line), and A (fifth line). The treble staff is empty with a bar line in each measure.