

PIANO THEORY ANSWER KEY

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To the Student

I wrote these books with you in mind. As a young student I often wondered how completing theory work-books would make me a better musician. The theory work often seemed separate from the music I was playing. My goal in *Essential Elements Piano Theory* is to provide you with the tools you will need to compose, improvise, play classical and popular music, or to better understand any other musical pursuit you might enjoy. In each "Musical Mastery" section of this book you will experience creative applications of the theory you have learned. The "Ear Training" pages will be completed with your teacher at the lesson. In this series you will begin to learn the building blocks of music, which make it possible for you to have fun at the piano. A practical understanding of theory enables you to see what is possible in music. I wish you all the best on your journey as you learn the language of music!

Sincerely, Mona Rejino

To the Teacher

I believe that knowledge of theory is most beneficial when a concept is followed directly by a musical application. In *Essential Elements Piano Theory*, learning theory becomes far more than completing worksheets. Students have the opportunity to see why learning a particular concept can help them become a better pianist right away. They can also see how the knowledge of musical patterns and chord progressions will enable them to be creative in their own musical pursuits: composing, arranging, improvising, playing classical and popular music, accompanying, or any other.

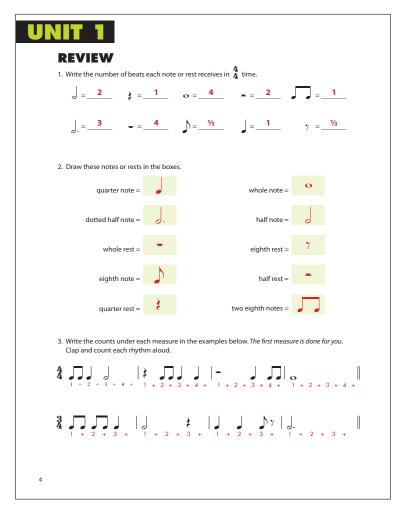
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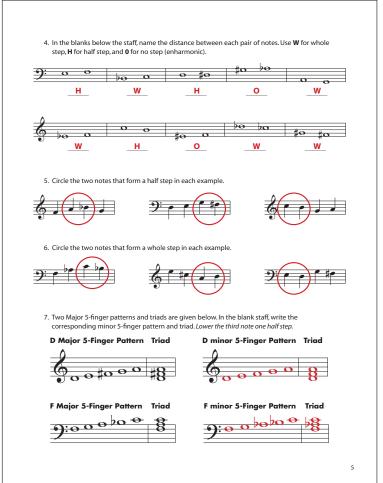
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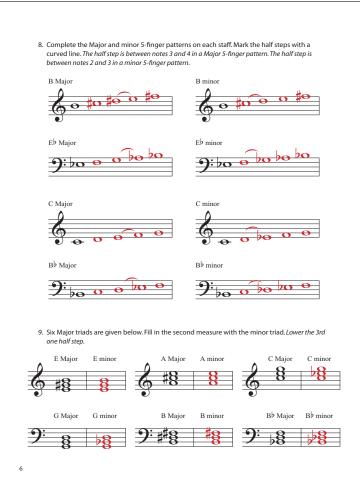
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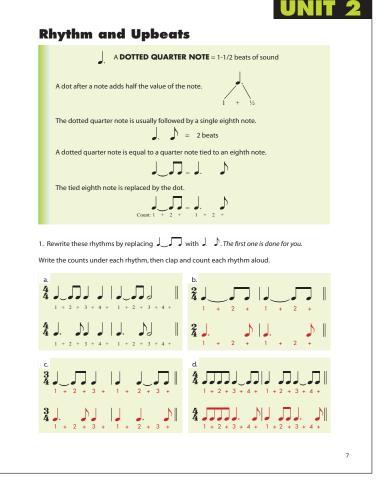
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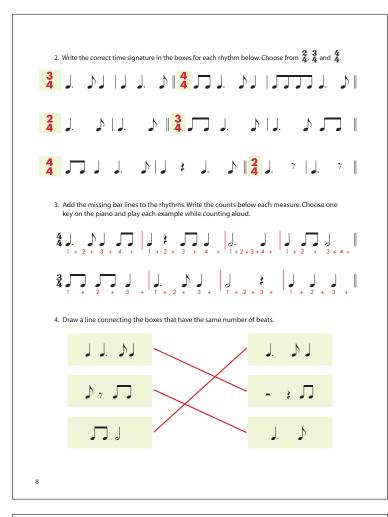
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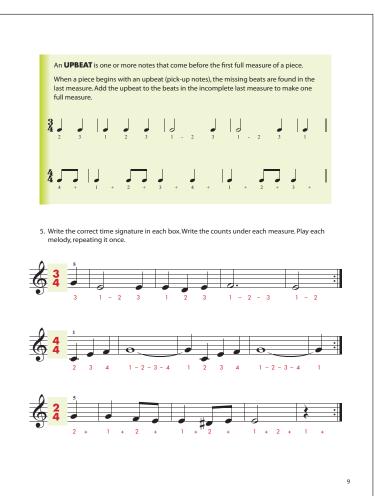


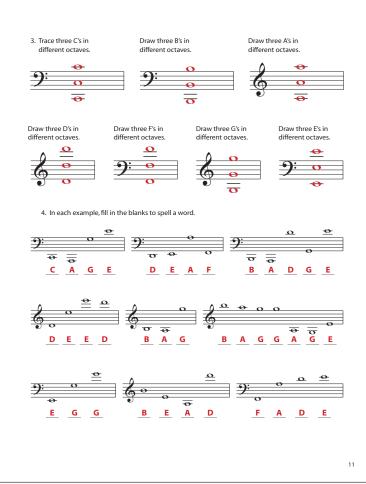


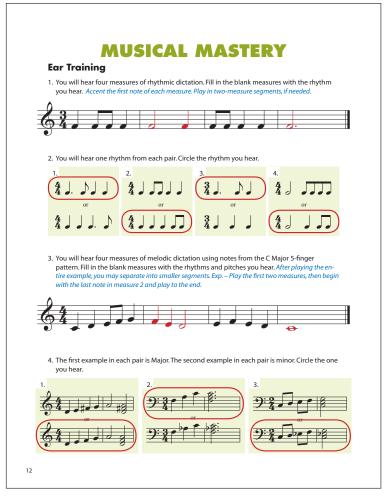


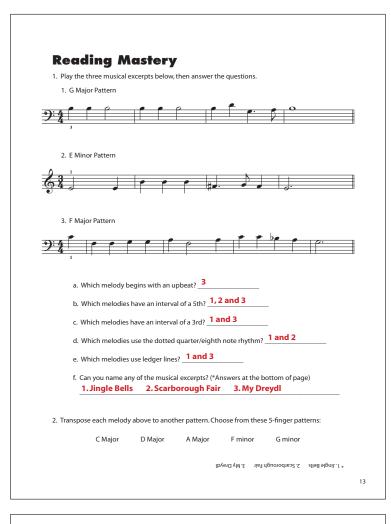


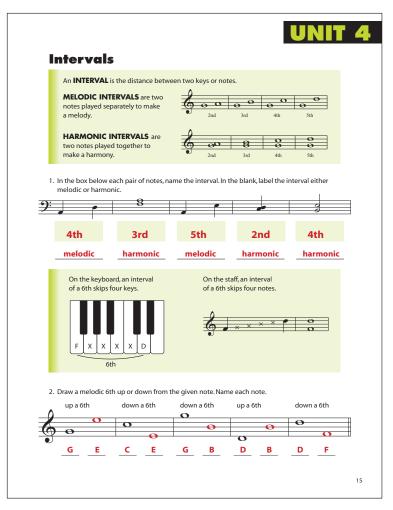


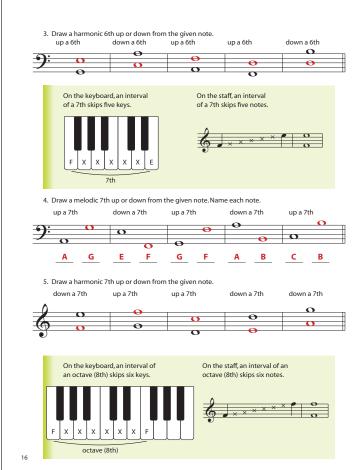


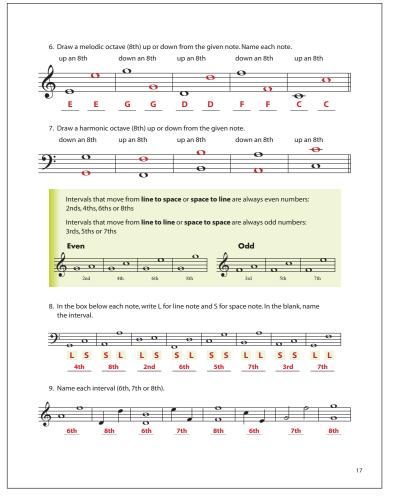


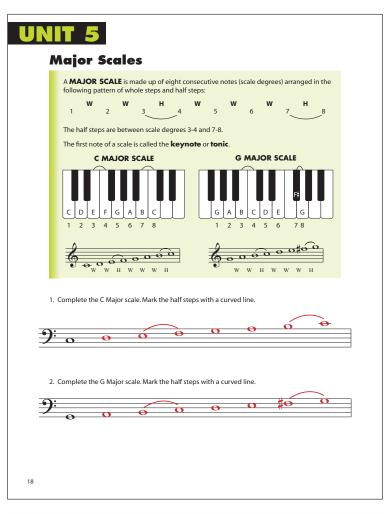


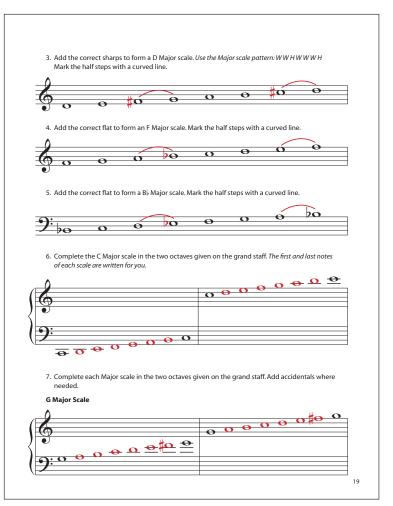


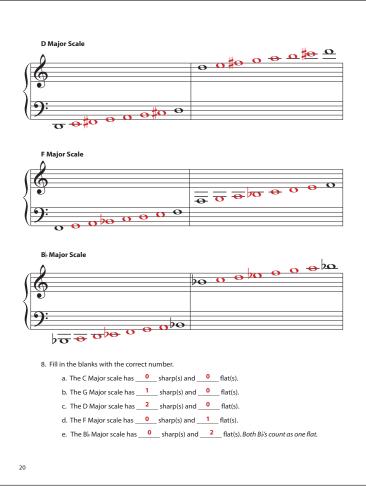


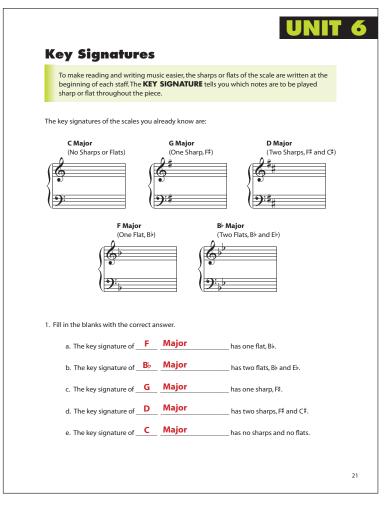


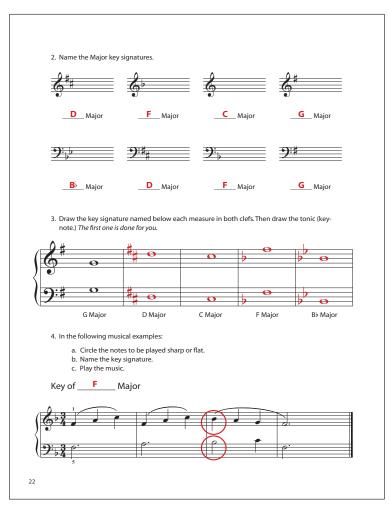


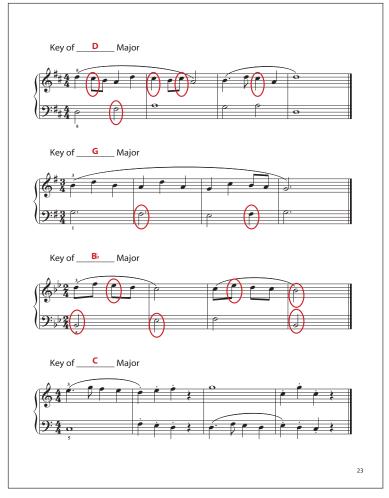


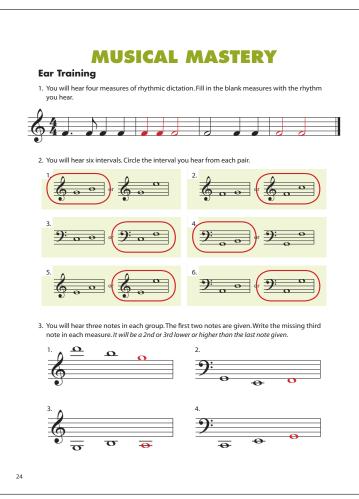


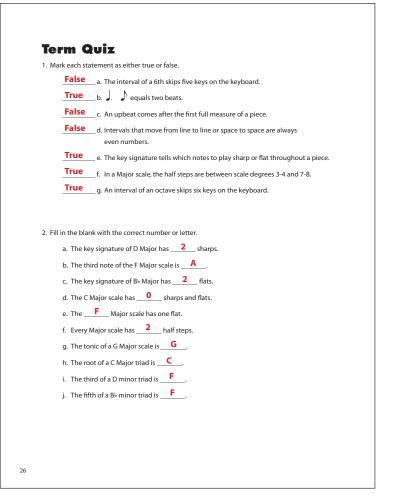














Musical Signs and Terms An asterisk (*) indicates words that are new to this book

DYNAMIC signs tell how soft or loud to play the music. Sign (Symbol) **Italian Name** Meaning nianissimo verv soft fortissimo ff very loud

crescendo (cresc.) decrescendo or diminuendo (dim.) gradually louder gradually softer

TEMPO marks tell what speed to play the music.

	Italian Name	Meaning		
	ritardando (rit.)	gradually slower		
	a tempo	return to the original tempo		
	largo*	slow and broad, slower than adagio		
	andantino*	slightly faster than andante		
	allegretto*	moderately fast, slightly slower than allegro		
	vivace*	lively, quick		
	presto*	very fast		
	accelerando* (accel.)	becoming gradually faster		
ln i	n each blank write the dynamic sign to match the meaning			

gradually louder fortissimo pianissimo ______pp gradually softer

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n. allegretto

_____ tenuto

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1. Match each symbol or term with its definition by writing the correct letter in the blank.

______ dolce a. very fast ___a. presto b. slightly faster than andante _e. % c. slow and broad f. poco d. majestic; stately b. andantino e. the sign p. accelerando f. little ___j.__ sfz or sf a. sweetly __d.__ maestoso h. return to % and play to fine C. largo i. verv _____ vivace j. sudden, strong accent i. _ molto k. gracefully q. accent I. hold full value; stress h. D.S. al Fine m. return to the beginning and play to fine k. grazioso n. moderately fast m. D.C. al Fine o. lively, quick

2. Add all of the notes and rests as you would count them in 4 time. Write the total number of J + J + J. + = + J. + J.

0 + 1 + 1 + 7 + 1. 1 + - + 1 + 1

3. In each box draw one note to complete the measure



4. Each rhythm below contains upbeats. Add bar lines to complete each example. Write the counts under the measures, then clap and count each pattern.



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p. becoming gradually faster

q. play louder; emphasize

