

KEY SIGNATURE SHARP & FLAT PLACEMENT

Sharp and flat signs for key signatures are always written on the staff in the same place and in the same order.

A total of 7 sharps and 7 flats are possible for the 7 letters of the alphabet which we use in music.

Key signatures have either sharps or flats but not both at once.

Strategy:

1. Look carefully at the key signatures for your clef.
2. Write the letter names of the sharps and flats for their correct order on the staff.
3. When writing the letter name, be sure to include the # or b sign.



letter name order of sharps:

letter name order of flats:

Bb makes all B's a half step _____

F# makes all F's a half step _____

Ab makes all A's a half step _____

D# makes all D's a half step _____

CHECK-UP:

1. Sharp and flat signs for key signatures are always written in the same _____ and the same _____ on the staff.
2. A total of _____ sharps and _____ flats are possible.
 (number) (number)
3. Key signatures have either _____ or _____ signs but not both at once.

