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NAMING KEYS

The name of the **key** of a song is the same as the **keynote** or first note of the scale.

There are two rules to memorize to make it easy to find the name of a key.

Rule for finding the name of keys with sharps:

The name of the key is the last ♯ to the right and go up one note.

Rule for finding the name of keys with flats:

The name of the key is the next to the last ♭ or 4 notes down from the last ♭.

Strategy:

1. Copy each rule for finding the name of the key on the blank lines.
2. Use the rule to find the name of key signatures below.
3. Write the letter name of the key on the blank line provided.
4. Do only those for your clef.

WRITE the rule for finding names of sharp keys:

_____

_____

WRITE the rule for finding names of flat keys:

_____

_____

NAME KEYS:

key of _____   key of _____ ♭   key of _____   key of _____ ♭

key of _____   key of _____ ♭

CHECK-UP:

1. The name of the key of a song is the same as the _____ or first note of the scale.
2. Sharps and flats are always placed on the staff in the same _____
3. A total of _____ sharps and _____ flats are possible when writing key
   (number)   (number)
   signatures.