

Treble and Bass Clef Notes.

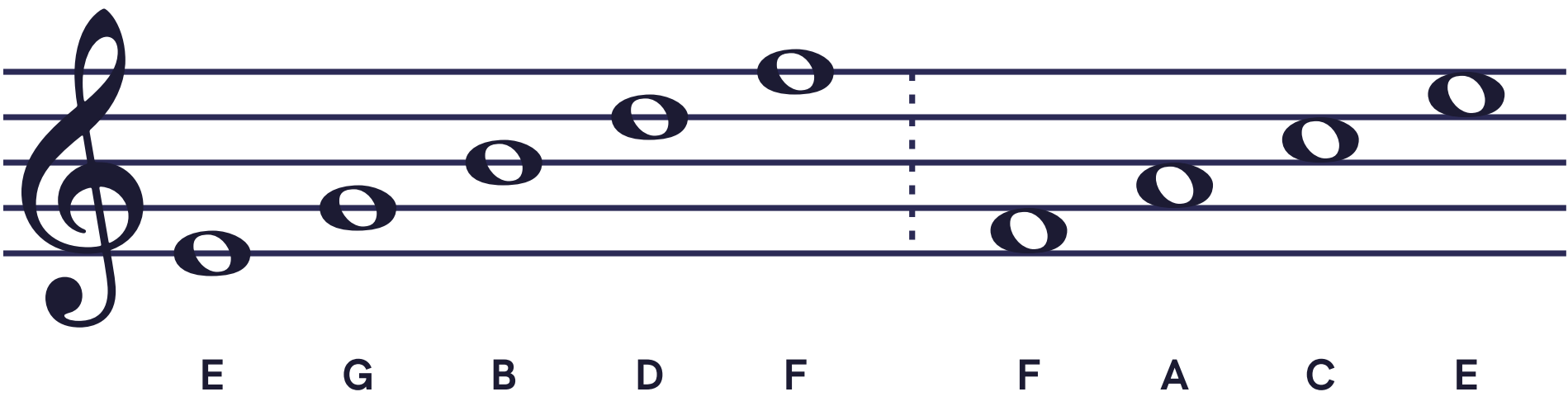
Every line and space in both clefs, the sayings that help, and how to read from landmarks. Free printable · 24 × 36 in

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Note Names on the Staff

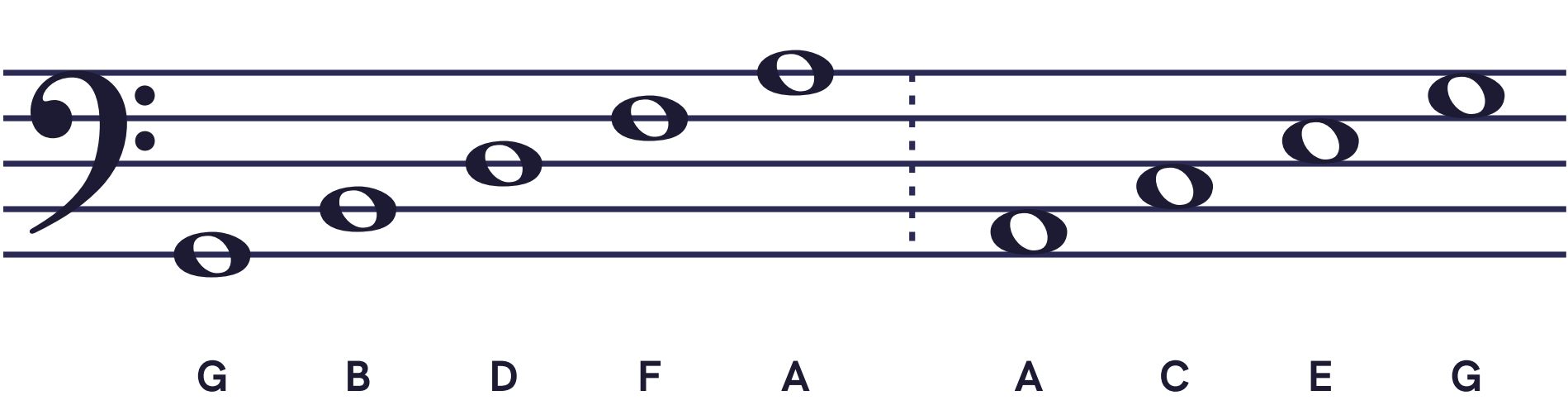
Read from the bottom line up.

Treble clef



Lines: Every Good Boy Does Fine · Spaces: FACE

Bass clef



Lines: Good Boys Do Fine Always · Spaces: All Cows Eat Grass

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How to Read the Notes

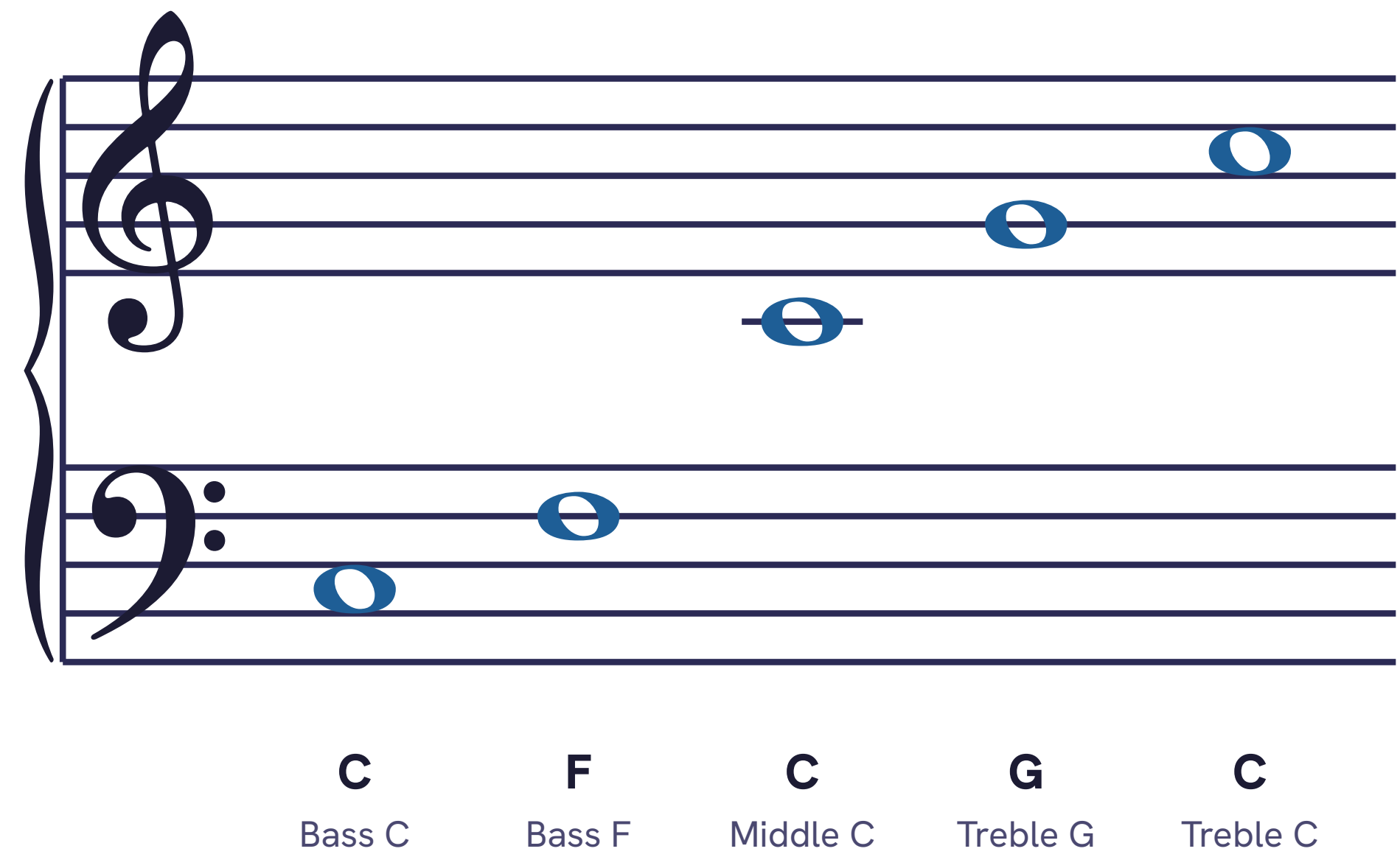
You don't have to count up from the bottom: start from a landmark and step.

Treble G The treble clef curls round the second line up: that line is G.	G (G4)
Bass F The bass clef's two dots sit either side of the fourth line up: that line is F.	F (F3)
Middle C On its own short ledger line between the two staves: below the treble, above the bass.	C (C4)
Step up or down Line to the next space is the next letter: G, A, B on the treble staff go line, space, line.	G → A → B
Above and below the staff Ledger lines carry on the same pattern: the first ledger line above the treble staff is A.	A (A5)

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The Grand Staff

Piano music uses two staves joined by a brace: treble clef for the right hand, bass clef for the left. Middle C sits between them on its own ledger line.

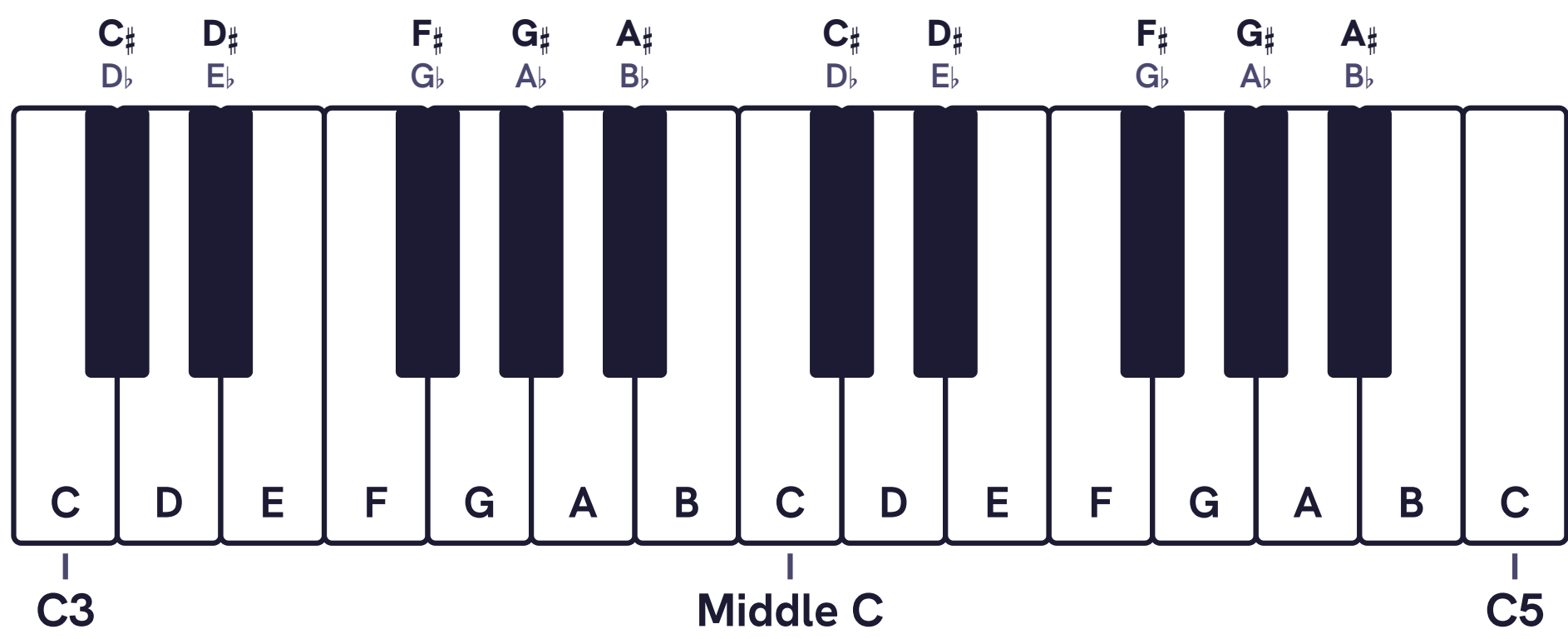


Learn these landmark notes first, then read the others as steps up or down from the nearest one.

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Piano Keys

Two octaves around middle C, with every key named. The pattern of two and three black keys repeats all the way along.



Black keys have two names: the sharp of the white key to the left, the flat of the white key to the right.

"Music is the universal language of mankind."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Outre-Mer, 1835

PRACTICE TIP

Practice slowly. Speed comes from playing it right, not from playing it fast.

