

Unit 9 – Pentatonic Fun

Exploring music from around the World

You can play a Chinese tune using five black keys.

Get your fingers ready over the black keys. You can play them in any order but end with the bottom note, thumb.

Finger Numbers –

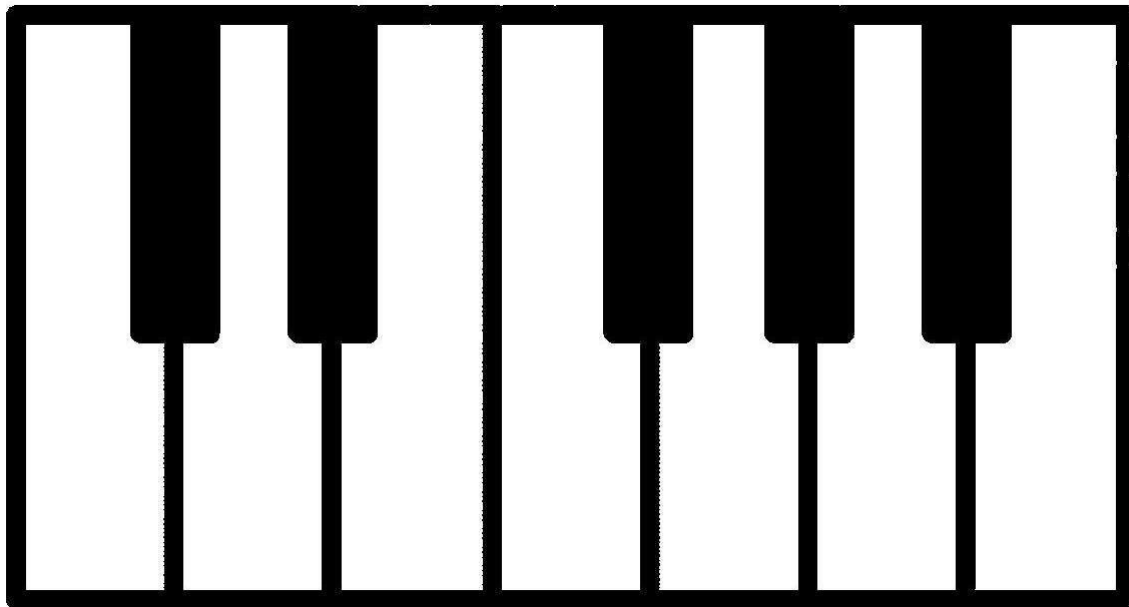
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Now play a tune to fit these words:



**Chinese lanterns sparkling bright
In the darkness of the night.**

Try playing it with the notes in a different order.

Making Musical Ciphers

A Cipher is a secret or disguised way of writing.

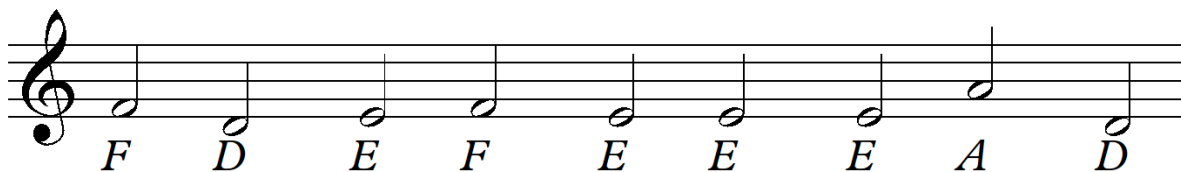
Composers often used ciphers to give coded message of thanks to their patrons (people who paid them to compose their music) and friends. This tradition started in the Renaissance Period (14th to 16th Centuries – 1300's to 1500's) and continues to the present day.

Using the table below, I can make up a pattern for my name:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z		

MRS MELLOR = FDE FEEEAD

I can convert my note pattern into notes on the staff:



Make the note pattern for your first name -----

and your surname -----

Try playing it on your instrument.

Name the musical symbol



