

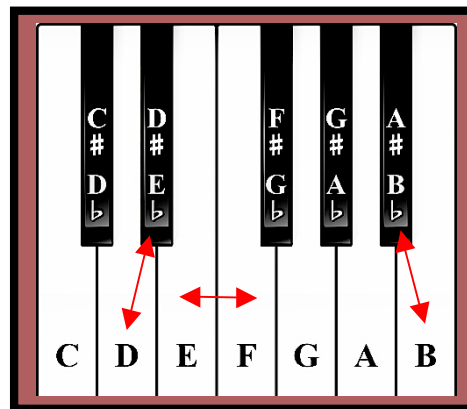
FLATS AND SHARPS

The black piano keys are called flats and sharps. A flat lowers a key a **half step down** to the left, and a sharp raises a key a **half step up** to the right. A half step is the very next note, white or black, up or down, from any given key, as indicated on the keyboard below:



EACH BLACK KEY HAS A FLAT NAME AND A SHARP NAME

The red arrows indicate **half steps**



Half Step Quiz

Use the keyboard illustration above to help you answer the following:

Which key is a half step above C? C# or Db

Which key is a half step above G? _____ or _____

Which key is a half step below B? _____ or _____

Which key is a half step above D? _____ or _____

Which key is a half step below A? _____ or _____

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