

How to Label Piano Keys

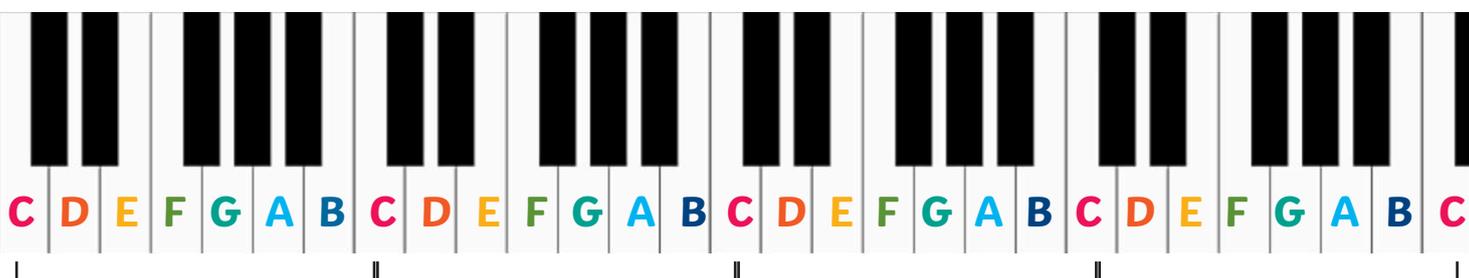
How Many Keys Does a Piano Have?

Most full-size pianos have 88 keys: 52 white keys and 36 black keys. Let's look at an unlabelled piano keyboard.



Let's Label the White Keys

We start with the keys on the left-hand side. They are labelled: C, D, E, F, G, A, B and then back to C. This is called 'an Octave'. Most full-size pianos have seven octaves.



Let's Label the Black Keys

The black keys fall into two categories: flats (b) and sharps(#).

Flats (b) make a note a semitone (half a note) lower.

Sharps (#) make a note a semitone (half a note) higher.

