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## THE MUSIC ALPHABET

The image shows a grand staff with two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves contain a sequence of seven notes, each labeled with a letter from A to G. Brackets are placed above the treble staff and below the bass staff to group the notes under their respective letters. The notes are: A (treble), B (treble), C (treble), D (treble), E (treble), F (treble), G (treble) and A (bass), B (bass), C (bass), D (bass), E (bass), F (bass), G (bass).

Note from the above arrangement of notes on the staff that there are seven letters of the alphabet used in music, namely,

A-B-C-D-E-F-G

Teacher: Help the student locate and play each of the above notes on the keyboard. These notes may be played with one finger.

The letter *f* comes from the Italian word "forte", which means "loud".

The letter *p* comes from the Italian word "piano", which means "soft".

Two f's (*ff*) mean "very loud"; two p's (*pp*) mean "very soft".

# Mr. Bass and Mrs. Treble

PLAYING POSITION: R.H. Thumb on Middle C  
L.H. Thumb on D in the Bass

Notice that this piece begins on the fourth beat (called an UP BEAT). The last measure ends on the third beat. Follow the counting directions at the beginning of the piece.