

SIMILAR PHRASES

Music is made up of phrases. This piece consists of 4-note phrases and 5-note phrases.

All 4-note phrases have the *same notes* except the measure with the F# in the bottom line.

Each 5-note phrase has the *same rhythm* pattern.

Recognizing similar phrases will help make reading and memorizing music easier.

Key of F Major

Play every "B" flat as a pancake!

Pancakes

4-note phrase: 2 5-note phrase:

f Mix a pan - cake, Stir a pan - cake, Drop it in the pan.

3 2 3

p Flip a pan - cake, Flop a pan - cake, Catch it if you can. *Reminder Accidental* (b)

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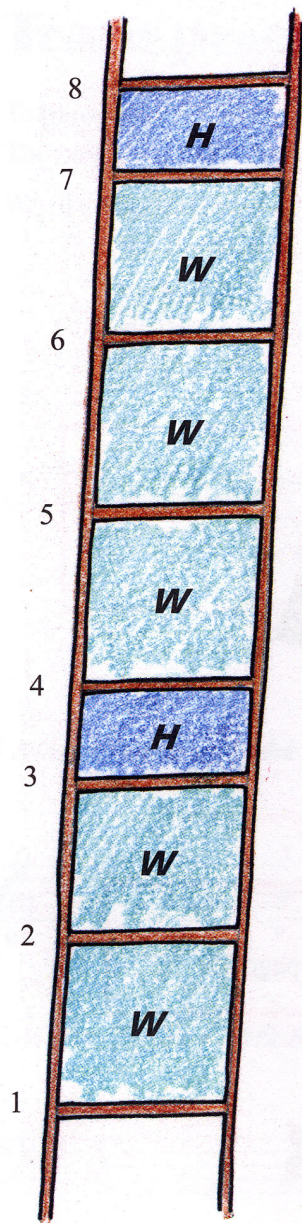
f Ma - ple syr - up, On a pan - cake, Is a spe - cial treat.

p Stacks of pan - cakes, Now are read - y, *f* Let's be - gin to eat.

Accompaniment

1 2

Teacher's Note: F major *flash cards* should be cut apart and used as directed (see page 3).



Major Scale Ladder

Notice that the eight steps of this ladder are *unevenly spaced*. This is to show the sequence of whole steps and half steps in the major scale. The space between the 3rd and 4th steps and between the 7th and 8th steps is *smaller* because they are *half steps*.

The numbers represent the *degrees* of the scale.

The letter **W** is printed between *whole* steps.

The letter **H** is printed between *half* steps.

Benefits of Scales

Playing scales involves special movement of the thumb and fingers.

1. The thumb is *crossed under* the fingers.
2. Fingers are *crossed over* the thumb.

Thumb and finger crossings are used frequently as music becomes more advanced. This is why it is so important to learn to play scales.

Many pieces use parts of various scales. Being familiar with the notes and fingering of scales makes learning and playing music easier.



CORRECT FINGERING is essential in playing scales. Watch the finger numbers carefully as you play the C Major scales below.

The scales should be played *legato*.

Thumb and finger crossings should be played as smoothly as possible, with a *minimum of wrist movement*.

C Major Scale – Right Hand



C Major Scale – Left Hand

