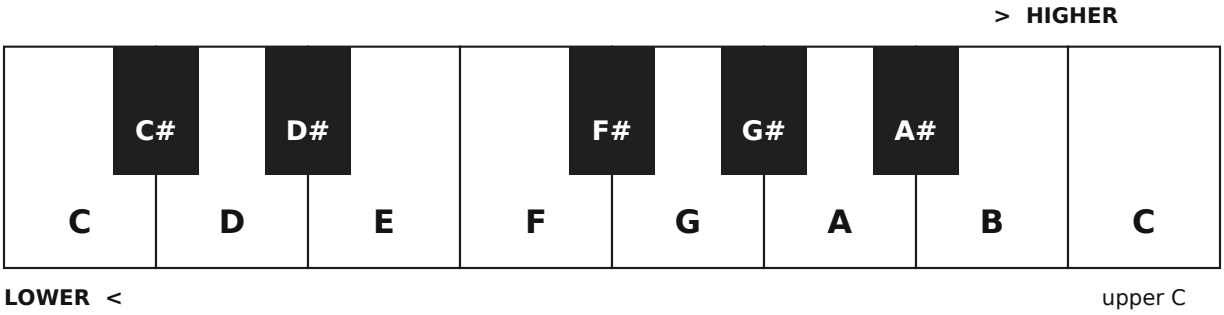
Piano Step Detective

Half Steps & Whole Steps

Name: _____ Date: _____

Half step (H): move to the very next key, white OR black.
Whole step (W): move two half steps. Count moves, not the starting key.
means sharp. C# (C sharp) is one half step higher than C.



A. Name the distance

Use the keyboard. Write H for a half step or W for a whole step.

1. C to C#
Distance: **H**

2. C to D
Distance: **W**

3. E to F
Distance: **H**

4. F to G
Distance: **W**

5. B to upper C
Distance: **H**

6. D to E
Distance: **W**

B. Find the destination

Write the note you reach. Use the names shown on the keyboard.

7. Half step higher than D
Note: **D#**

8. Whole step higher than E
Note: **F#**

9. Whole step lower than A
Note: **G**

10. Half step lower than upper C
Note: **B**

Try it: Point to E-F and B-C. Notice that no black key lies between either pair.

Teacher tip: Model G to G# (H), then G to A (W), before students begin.