White Key Names

Each white key has a letter name from the music alphabet: **A B C D E F G**

Middle C (The C in the *middle* of the keyboard)

- Play and name aloud the white keys from *lowest* to *highest*.

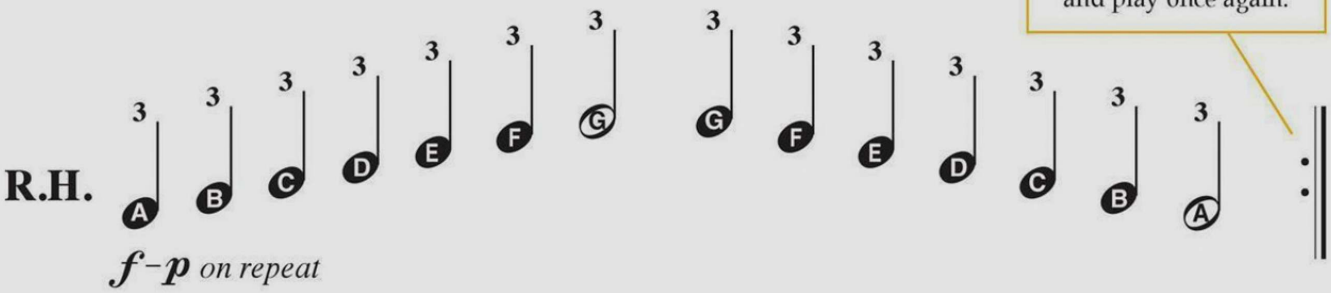
Use L.H. finger 3 for lower notes.

Use R.H. finger 3 at Middle C and higher.

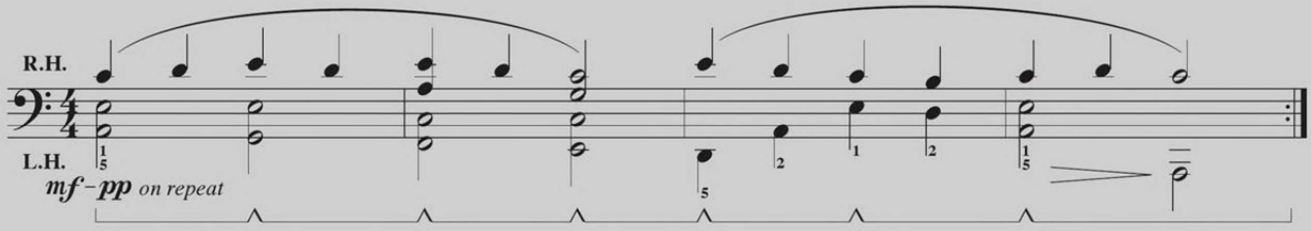
- Find an "**A**" in the *middle* of the keyboard. (Look for the three-black-key group. The **A key** is *between* black keys two and three.)
- Play and sing the music alphabet up and down. Use R.H. finger 3.

Music Alphabet Melody

Repeat Sign
Return to the beginning and play once again.



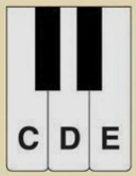
Teacher Duet: (Student plays *higher* on the keyboard)



Learning C-D-E

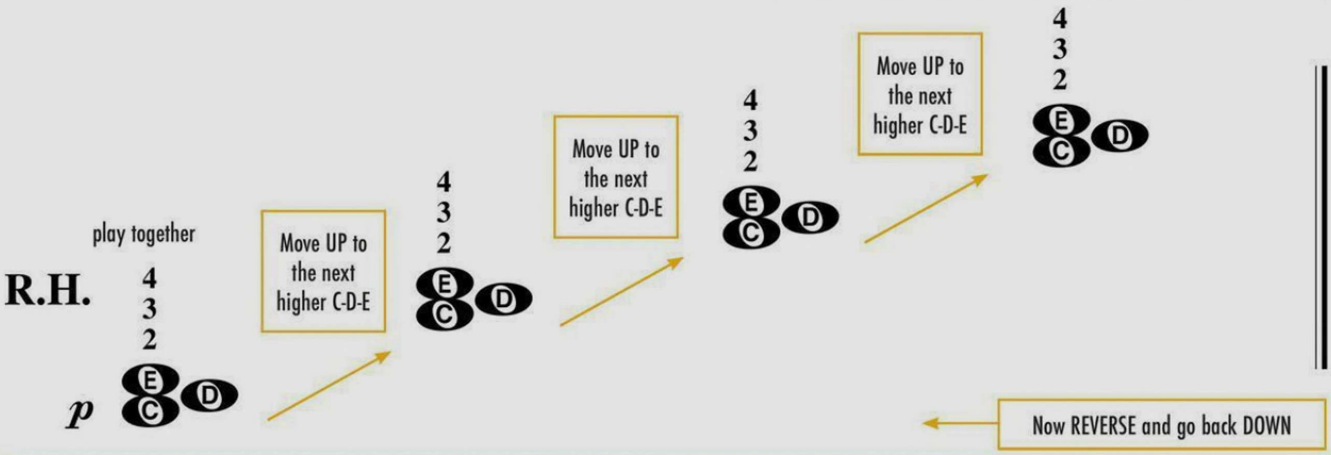
Use the 2-black-key group to locate C-D-E.

Think: D is in the middle of the 2-black-keys.
"Hey diddle-diddle, D's in the middle."



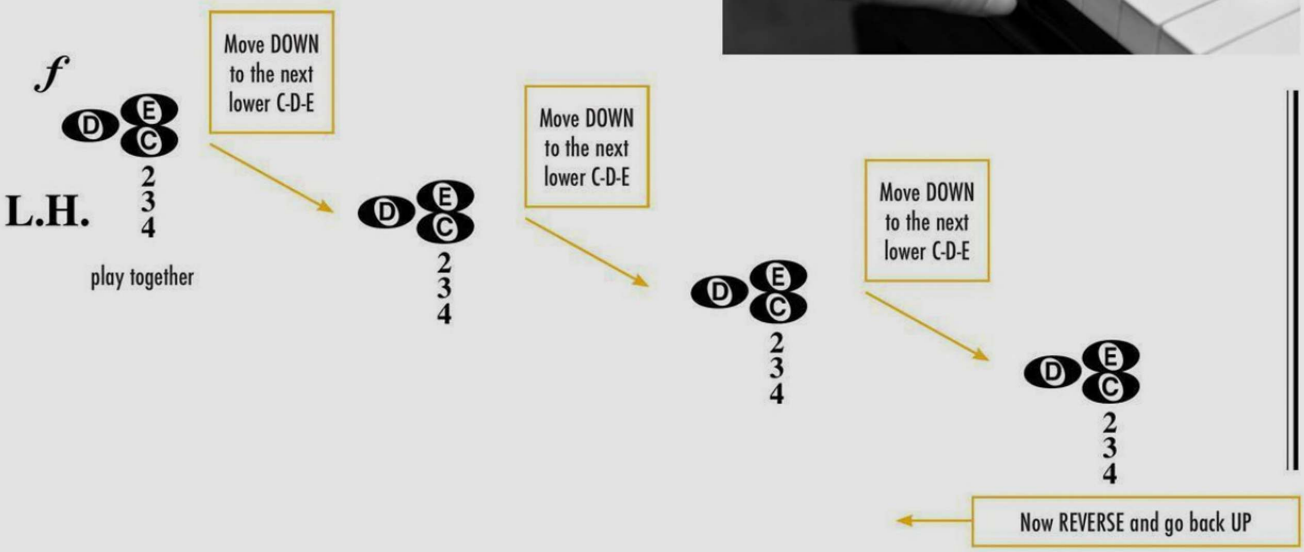
R.H. on C-D-E Keys

Begin in the MIDDLE and play ***piano (p)***.
Using **R.H. fingers 2-3-4**, play all the C-D-E's together going *up*, then *down* the keyboard.



L.H. on C-D-E Keys

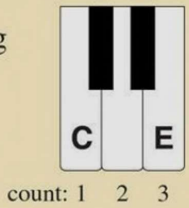
Begin in the MIDDLE and play ***forte (f)***.
Using **L.H. fingers 4-3-2**, play all the C-D-E's together going *down*, then *up* the keyboard.



Interval

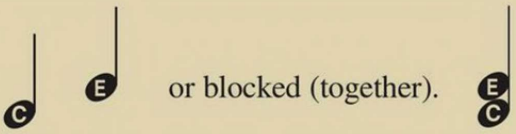
An **interval** is the distance between two keys, including the *first* and *last* key.

Ex. From C up to E is the interval of a **third (3rd)**. The interval of a third spans three letter names.



Interval of a 3rd (or "skip")

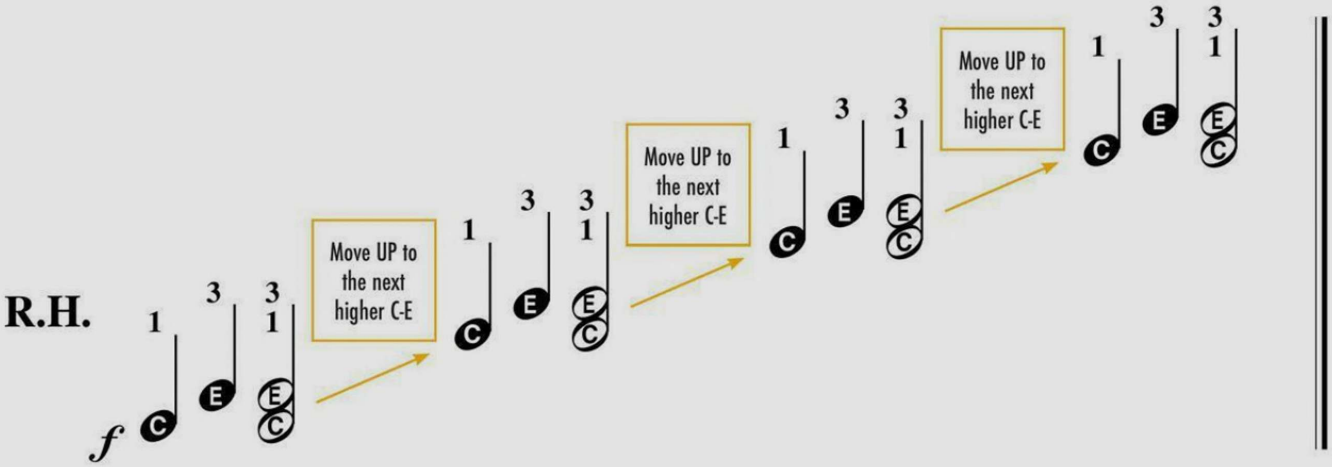
Blocked or Broken

An interval can be played broken (separately)  or blocked (together).

R.H. Interval Warm-up

Begin in the MIDDLE. Use **R.H. fingers 1-3**. Depress the damper pedal and play C and E *broken*, then *blocked*. Go higher and higher up the keyboard. Play ***forte (f)***.

- Repeat with R.H. fingers **2-4** on C and E.



L.H. Interval Warm-up

Begin in the MIDDLE with **L.H. fingers 3-1**. Depress the damper pedal and play C and E *broken*, then *blocked*. Go lower and lower down the keyboard. Play ***piano (p)***.

- Repeat with L.H. fingers **4-2** on C and E.