

Intervals

To begin with, let's make sure we understand a few general music terms. An *interval* is the distance between two notes. The basic intervals come from the major scale.

1 Here's a G major scale:



The beginning note in a scale is called the *root*. Each interval based on the major scale is measured from the root and numbered second, third, fourth, etc. When you get to eight it is called an *octave* instead of eighth.

Listen to each interval on the CD. The intervals (distances) from the root are as follows:

DISTANCE	NAME	ABBREVIATION
from 1 to 2	major 2nd	M2
from 1 to 3	major 3rd	M3
from 1 to 4	perfect 4th	P4
from 1 to 5	perfect 5th	P5
from 1 to 6	major 6th	M6
from 1 to 7	major 7th	M7