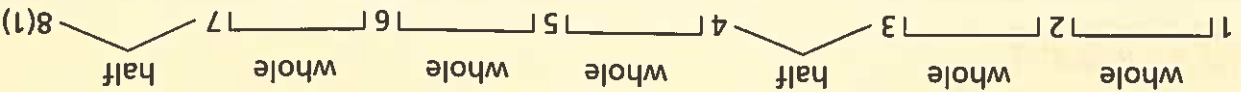


Major Scale

The major scale is a series of eight notes that follow a strict pattern of whole steps (two frets) and half steps (one fret). The half steps appear only between scale steps 3-4 and 7-8. Every major scale has the same arrangement of whole and half steps with a very familiar sound. Here is the major scale formula:



5. C MAJOR SCALE

Now play the C major scale.

Scale step: 1
Note name: C

2 whole D
3 whole E
4 half F
5 whole G
6 whole A
7 whole B
8(1) half C

6. C SCALE EXERCISE

Say the names of the notes aloud before playing this exercise.



Alert

The two exercises below lay out nicely under the C chord. If you fret the C chord while you play them, the notes will be easy to locate and play.

7. SLIDING INTO HOME

8. ETUDE IN C

9. SYMPHONY NO. 1, 4TH MOVEMENT

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