



Exercises: Chord Number System

Exercise 1 Scale degrees

Write the scale degrees for the C major scale under each note:

C D E F G A B C

Exercise 2 Name the degree

In C major, what note is degree 5? ____

What note is degree b3? ____

What note is degree b7? ____

Exercise 3 Translate the formula

Write the notes for these formulas in C:

1 3 5 ____

1 b3 5 ____

1 3 5 b7 ____

Exercise 4 Why "flattened third"?

In your own words, explain why we say "flattened third" instead of just writing a different number:

Exercise 5 Quick quiz

True or False: The number system stays the same in every key. T / F

True or False: b5 means the fifth has been raised. T / F

Practice tip

Say the numbers out loud while you play the notes — it builds the connection faster.