



Exercises: Basic Cadences

Exercise 1 Name them

V I is a _____ cadence
IV I is a _____ cadence
V vi is a _____ cadence

Exercise 2 Write in C

Perfect cadence in C: ____ ____
Plagal cadence in C: ____ ____
Deceptive cadence in C: ____ ____

Exercise 3 Feeling

Which cadence feels most final? _____
Which feels like a surprise? _____

Exercise 4 Find them

Listen to a song you know and try to spot a perfect cadence at the end of a phrase.

Exercise 5 Create

Write a short 4-chord phrase that ends with a perfect cadence.

Practice tip

Sing the bass line of each cadence — the movement of the lowest note is a big part of the feeling.