

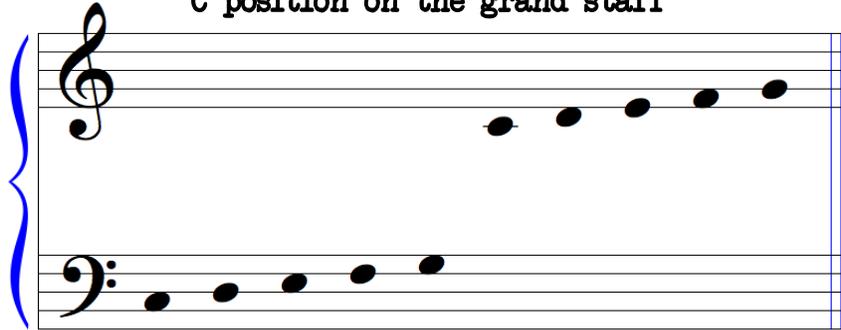
# Lesson Seven

The grand staff

## The Grand Staff

When you connect the treble and bass clefs with a bracket, you create the **grand staff**. Almost all piano music is written using the **grand staff**.

C position on the grand staff



Write the note names and C position finger numbers on this grand staff diagram.

## Notes on the Grand Staff



Write the correct note name in each box.

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# Playing from the Grand Staff

Notes written on the **top staff** are played by the **right hand**. Notes written on the **bottom staff** are played by the **left hand**.

Music written on the grand staff is read from **left to right**. You'll notice that the bar lines go through the staves. Any music connected by bar lines is meant to be played at the same time, so any notes aligned vertically are played at the same time.

Try this first exercise so you can get the hang of it!

## 25 Grand Staff Exercise

(Right hand plays for two measures.)

First you play with the right,

(Right hand rests for one measure.)

(Left hand plays for one measure.)

then the left, then

both hands!

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Did you get it? Playing with both hands is tricky at first, but you'll get the hang of it soon enough.

Try this one.

## 26 Grand Staff Melody



Write the finger numbers and note names for *Grand Staff Melody*.

On the grand staff, right's on "top."

Dou-ble bar still means to stop!

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## Grand Staff Quiz



Fill in each blank with the best answer.

- 1) On the grand staff, the **right** hand plays what is written on the \_\_\_\_\_ staff.
- 2) Music for the **left** hand is written on the \_\_\_\_\_ staff of the grand staff.
- 3) We read music from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

- 4) What does it mean when two notes are written in **vertical alignment**?
- 5) What's the most challenging thing for you about reading from the **grand staff**?

## 27 Who Wants Some Ice Cream?

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