

Key Signatures: Sharps (Major keys)

C Major [no sharps]

G Major F#

D Major F# C#

A Major F# C# G#

E Major F# C# G# D#

B Major F# C# G# D# A#

F# Major F# C# G# D# A# E#

C# Major F# C# G# D# A# E# B#

To figure out which sharps are in a key:

Go down one letter name from the key. Then list the sharps in order until you get to that letter name.

For example, if the key is A Major, go down to G. The sharps will be: **F#, C#, and G#.**

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To figure out what key is represented by a key signature:

Take the last sharp, and go up one letter name. For example, if the last sharp is B#, go up to C.

Look to see if that letter is sharp in the signature! Here, the key is not C Major, but **C# Major.**

In printed music, does the key signature come before or after the time signature?

Do both signatures appear on every line?