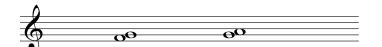
Stage 2

Chords

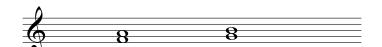
As well as single-note melodic lines you will also come across chords – two or more notes played together. Here are some examples:

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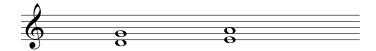


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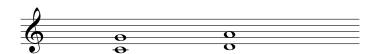


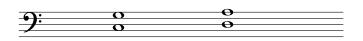
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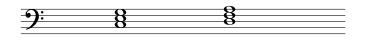
Fifths:





Triads (made up of the first three notes of an arpeggio):





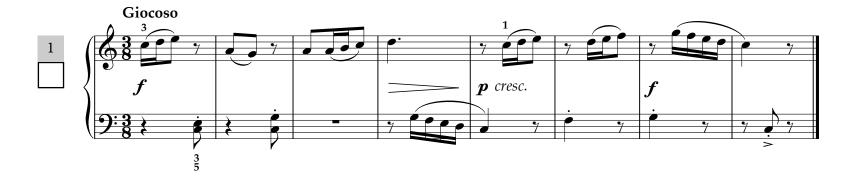
Practise these chord shapes in different keys.

Write down some of your own favourite chords:

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Prepared pieces

- What is the key of this piece? Play the scale and arpeggio.
- To which chord do the notes in left-hand bars 1 and 2 belong?
- Does the left hand change position?
- **4** What will you count? Tap the rhythm of each hand separately. Now tap the rhythms of both hands together.
- Can you spot any scale patterns?
- Which ingredients give you clues to the character of this piece?



- What is the key of this piece? Play the scale and arpeggio.
- Where will you have to change hand position?
- Which notes are affected by the key signature?
- **4** What will you count? Tap the rhythm of each hand separately. Now tap the rhythms of both hands together.
- **5** Compare the first left-hand bar with the first right-hand bar.
- Play the first note of each hand and try to hear the piece in your head.



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Going solo!

Don't forget to prepare each piece carefully before you play it.

