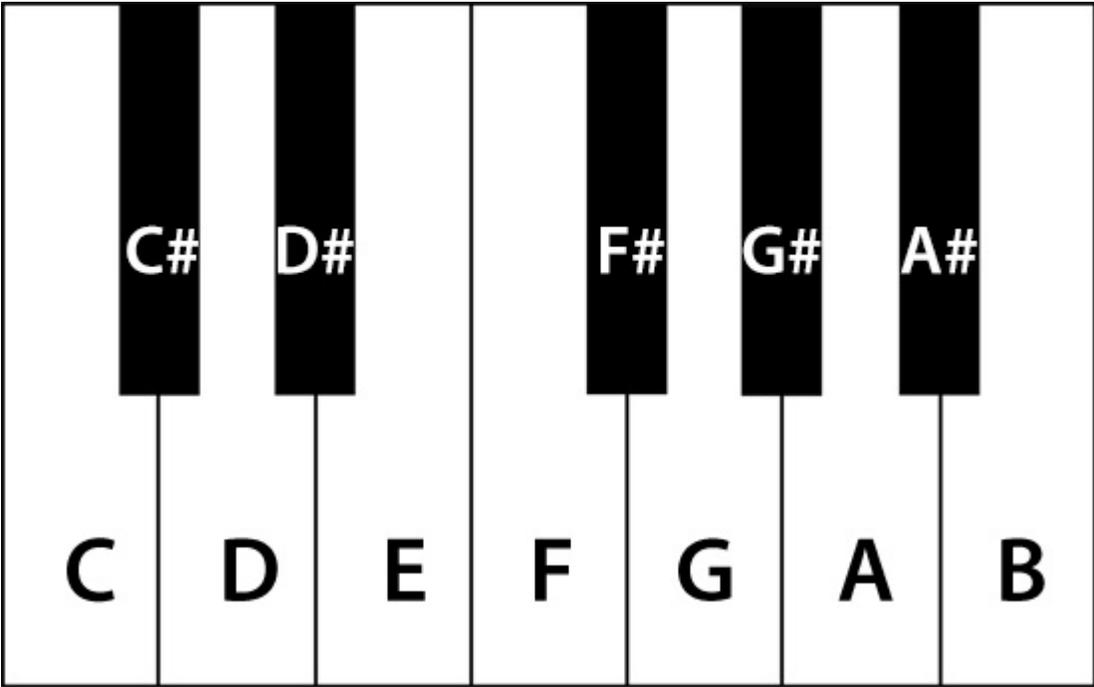# 5-Minute Music Theory Cheat Sheet

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Most western music is based on the major scale. That scale consists of seven notes.

Let's look at the key of C as an example.

The key of C happens to be all white keys on a piano keyboard.

Each note in the scale can also be thought of as a number.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C	D	E	F	G	A	B

Most worship music uses the 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 chords in any given key.

You may have seen then written like this: I, ii, IV, V, vi

(The major chords use upper case Roman numerals and the minor chords use lower case.)

Some chords in the key are major, some are minor. For example, in C:

1	2	4	5	6
C major	D minor	F major	G major	A minor

Adding in less common chords (iii and vii) you will see chords in the key of C as follows. Note that the 3 (iii) is minor and the 7 (vii) is diminished. A diminished chord is built like this: 1, flat 3, flat 5, flat flat 7 (the 7 is brought a whole step lower). So a C diminished would be a C, Eb, Gb, A.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C	D m	E m	F	G	A m	B dim

Cheat Sheet

Now you know why you always see the same chords in songs in a certain key. Here are common chords in all the keys – your cheat sheet!

KEY OF C

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C major	D minor	E minor	F major	G major	A minor	B dim

KEY OF D

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D major	E minor	F# minor	G major	A major	B minor	C# dim

KEY OF E

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
E major	F# minor	G# minor	A major	B major	C# minor	D# dim

KEY OF F

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F major	G minor	A minor	Bb major	C major	D minor	E dim

KEY OF G

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G major	A minor	B minor	C major	D major	E minor	F# dim

KEY OF A

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A major	B minor	C# minor	D major	E major	F# minor	G# dim

KEY OF B

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B major	C# minor	D# minor	E major	F# major	G# minor	A# dim

KEY OF C#

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C# major	D# minor	E# (F) minor	F# major	G# major	A# minor	B# dim

KEY OF D#

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D# major	E# minor	F## (G) minor	G# major	A# major	B# (C) minor	C## (D)dim

KEY OF F#

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F# major	G# minor	A# minor	B major	C# major	D# minor	E# (F) dim

KEY OF G#

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G# major	A# minor	B# (C) minor	C# major	D# major	E# (F) minor	F## (G)dim

KEY OF A#

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A# major	B# (C) minor	C## (D) minor	D# major	E# (F) major	F## (G) minor	G## (A)dim

Key of Db

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Db major	Eb minor	F minor	Gb major	Ab major	Bb minor	C dim

Key of Eb

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Eb major	F minor	G minor	Ab major	Bb major	C minor	D dim

Key of Gb

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gb major	Ab minor	Bb minor	Cb major	Db major	Eb minor	F dim

Key of Ab

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ab major	Bb minor	C minor	Db major	Eb major	F minor	G dim

Key of Bb

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bb major	C minor	D minor	Eb major	F major	G minor	A dim