

Mnemonics for Major Scales

How Many Sharps?

- Count down this mnemonic till you get to the key you want:

Go Down And Eat Bread Father Christmas

- E.g. E is the fourth word so E major has four sharps.

What Sharps?

- Bring Father and Christmas to the front of the mnemonic:

Father Christmas Go Down And Eat Bread

- Count up by the number of sharps
- e.g. for E major count four
- This gives you Farther Christmas Go Down

E Major = 4 sharps F#, C#, G# and D#

How Many Flats?

- Count down this mnemonic till you get to the key you want:

Fred Blogs Eats All Dogs Get Cracking

- E.g. E is the third word so E flat has three flats.

What Flats?

- Bring Fred to the back of the mnemonic:

Blogs Eats All Dogs Get Cracking Fred

- Count up by the number of flats
- e.g. for E flat count three
- This gives you Blogs Eats All

E Flat = 3 Flats Bb, Eb and Ab