



Podcast Segment Two

**A Practical Method
for Learning Music
on Guitar (and Bass)**



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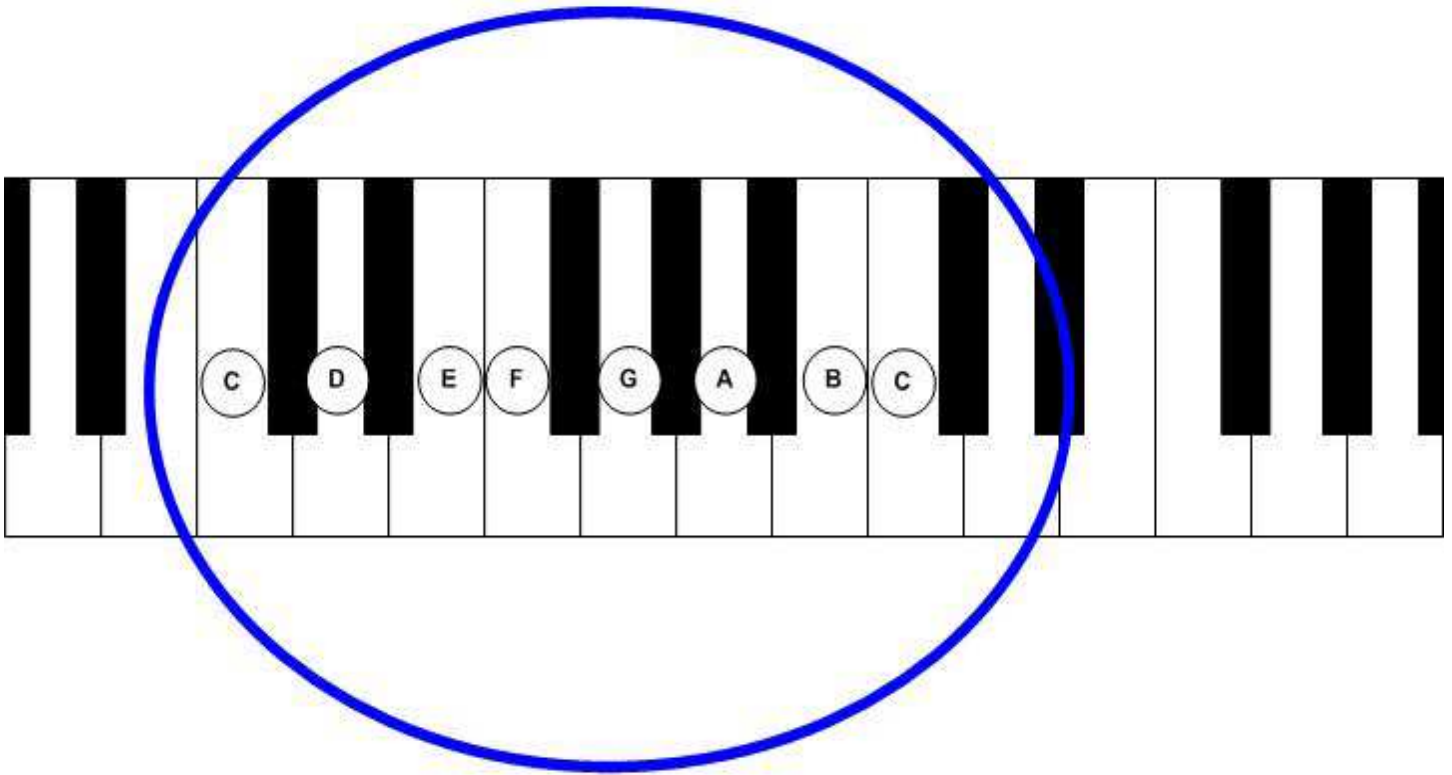


Illustration 1

The naturally occurring spacing of the notes on the piano is a visual representation of the C Major scale.

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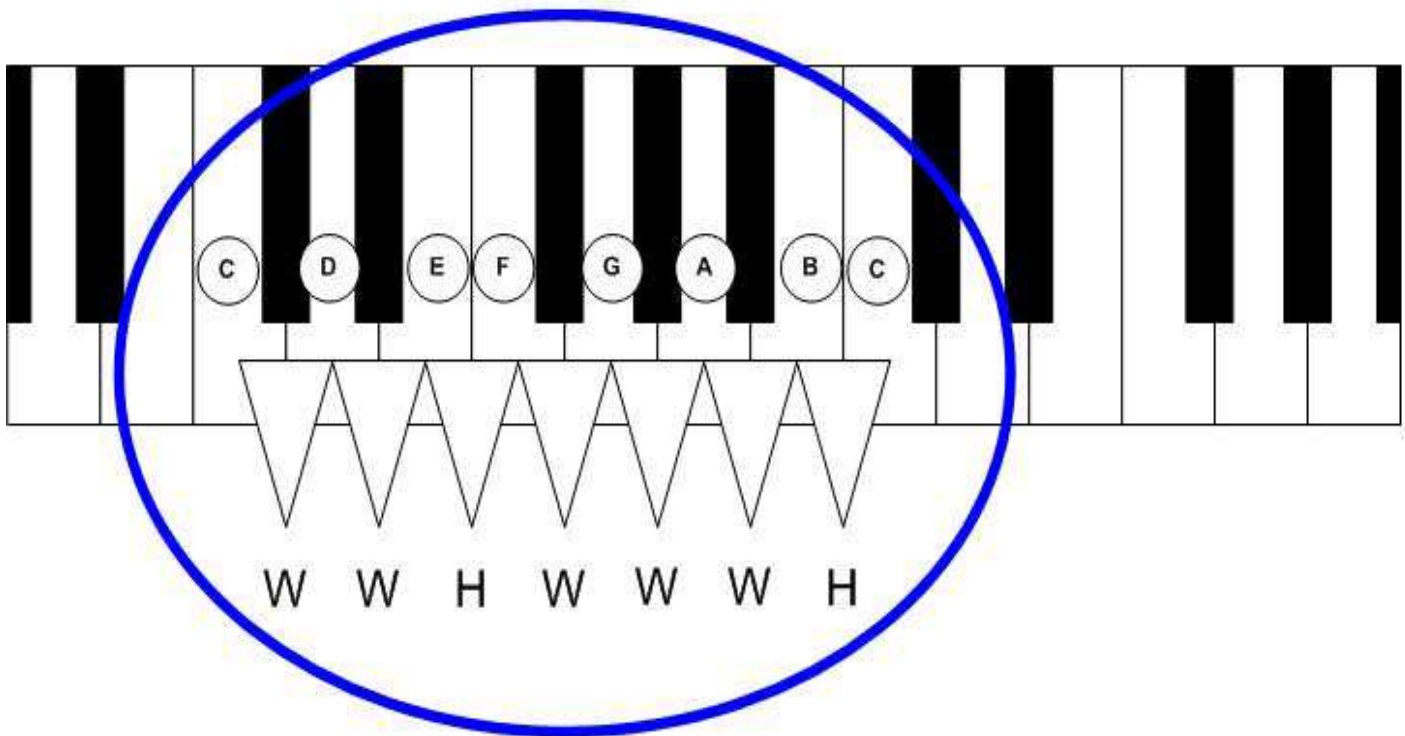


Illustration 2

The notes separated by a WHOLE step (W) are separated by two semitones, that is they are two piano keys apart. The notes separated by a HALF step (H) are separated by one semitone, that is they are one piano key apart - in other words, they are next to one another.

It is this pattern of W W H W W W H that defines a major scale, here shown in the Key of C major. However, we could use the same pattern of W W H W W W H to construct a Major scale in any Key we choose.