

# IDENTIFYING INTERVALS

1. Sing up the notes of a major or minor scale or arpeggio to find the distance between the two notes.
2. Practice singing intervals: e.g. C – C – F sing the words Per-fect 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. Memorise the melodies below and when you hear an interval try to work out which tune it fits. Also, Go through your music identifying the first interval and add them to the list below.
4. Always sing or hum the notes of an interval to help identify what it is.
5. Play each interval and listen to the sound it makes. Minor intervals have a sad or melancholy sound, major intervals are brighter and happier. Major 7ths are very awkward to sing!

## Melodies to Help Identify Intervals

Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Up – Rug Rats, Pink Panther, Ode to Joy, White Christmas

Major 2<sup>nd</sup> Up – Happy Birthday, Frere Jacques, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Minor 3<sup>rd</sup> Up – Rawhide, Greensleeves, Postman Pat, Beauty & the Beast,  
Supercalla Fragalistic, Thene from the New World Symphony  
Edelweiss

Major 3<sup>rd</sup> Up – It's a Small World (chorus), Michael Row, Kum Bah Yah,  
Pop Goes the Weasel, When the Saints, Morning has Broken  
Perfect 4<sup>th</sup> Up – Amazing Grace, Harry Potter theme, Star Wars, Here  
Comes the Bride, Auld Lang Syne, We Wish you a Merry Christmas.

Perfect 5<sup>th</sup> Up – Twinkle Twinkle, Chariots of Fire, My Favourite Things

Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Up - Let My People Go

Major 6<sup>th</sup> Up – Colour of the Wind, My Bonnie lies over the Ocean

Minor 7<sup>th</sup> Up – Star Trek, Somewhere (from Westside Story), When you wish upon a  
star (jumps an octave and then back 1 note to the minor 7<sup>th</sup>)

Major 7<sup>th</sup> Up – Bali Hai & Somewhere over the Rainbow both jump up an octave and  
Then down a semitone to the major 7<sup>th</sup>.

Perfect Octave Up – Can you feel the love tonight (chorus)

Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Down – Titanic Theme, Fur Elise

Major 2<sup>nd</sup> Down – A whole new world (verse)

Minor 3<sup>rd</sup> Down – Muppet Show Theme, Bob the Builder,  
“Na na na na na, you can't catch me!”

Major 3<sup>rd</sup> Down – Imperial March

Perfect 4<sup>th</sup> Down – Music Box Dancer, Old Mac Donald

Perfect 5<sup>th</sup> Down – Flintstones

Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Down – Love Story

Major 6<sup>th</sup> Down –

Major 7<sup>th</sup> Down –

Perfect 8<sup>th</sup> Down -