MUSICAL CONCEPTS: LEVEL 4

MUSIC THEORY FOR SINGERS: SIGHT SINGING & EAR TRAINING

Notes	Rests	Range	Key	Time	Additional Concepts
			Signatures	Signatures	
Quarter	Quarter	6th	All Major	2/4	Rhythmic Ear Training
		(Do-Re-Mi-Fa-	Key		
		Sol-La)	Signatures		
Half	Half			3/4	Melodic Ear Training
Dotted				4/4	Intervals Ear Training
Half					
Whole					**Terms &
					Ear-Training
Dotted					***Practice Tests
Quarter					
Eighth					

All of the above concepts and additional theory instruction can be found in Music Theory for Singers, Level 4.

^{**}A glossary of terms is provided at the end of this book.
***An answer key for the Practice Tests and Ear-Training is provided at the end of this book

RHYTHMIC EXERCISES

Remember:

Study each example for up to 30 seconds before singing

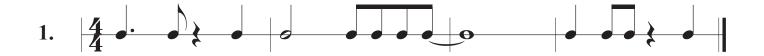
Tap a steady beat while you sing the rhythms you see.

Sing the following rhythms on "Do," "La," "Ta," or similar word.

Try to keep going without stopping to fix a mistake.

Click on the play button and sing along to see how you did!

Click for the pitch "C"











INTERVAL OF A 2ND

Understanding intervals is a crucial tool when sight-singing. Let's focus on the interval of a 2nd first.

When singing 2nds, you are singing "stepping" notes, or notes that are in order in a scale.

For example: Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol consists of 2nds.

Here is a list of famous songs that contain 2nds. You can hear these songs in your head while you are sight-singing. Click to hear each example!



Answers for page 2:

Harmonic Intervals: a. 2nd b. 2nd c. 3rd d. 3rd e. 2nd f. 3rd g. 2nd h. 3rd Melodic Intervals: i. 3rd j. 2nd k. 2nd l. 3rd m. 2nd n. 3rd o. 3rd p. 2nd

SIGHT-SINGING WITH 2NDS & 3RDS

The following examples contain the intervals of 2nds and 3rds (stepping and skipping notes). If you have difficulty with the skips, look back at the previous section for familiar melodies that contain 3rds. Try to hear them in your head while you are studying each sight-singing example.

Remember:

Click for the starting pitch "C"

Study each example for up to 30 seconds before you sing.

Pay special attention to whether it ends on "Do," "Mi" or "Sol."

Tap a slow, steady beat while you sing the rhythms you see.

Watch for any repeating notes.

Try to keep going, even if you make a mistake.

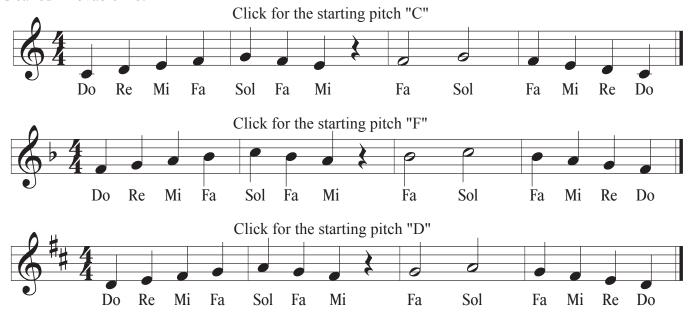


MELODIC EXERCISES IN F MAJOR & D MAJOR

The following melodies are in two keys: F Major (High Key) and D Major (Low Key).

As singers, it is vital that we sing in appropriate keys for our voice types. If a song is too high or low, we can transpose the song to a different key to suit our voice. When the key changes, the solfege adjusts to the new key. Whatever the new key is becomes the new "Do."*

Look at the examples below. You will see the same melody first in C Major, then in both F and D Major. Notice how the melody sounds the same, it just gets higher/lower, and the solfege adjusts to the new key. This is called "movable Do."



Here are some additional examples (with the solfege written in) in F and D Major. Click for your starting pitch, try to sing each example on your own, then click play and sing along!



RHYTHMIC EAR TRAINING

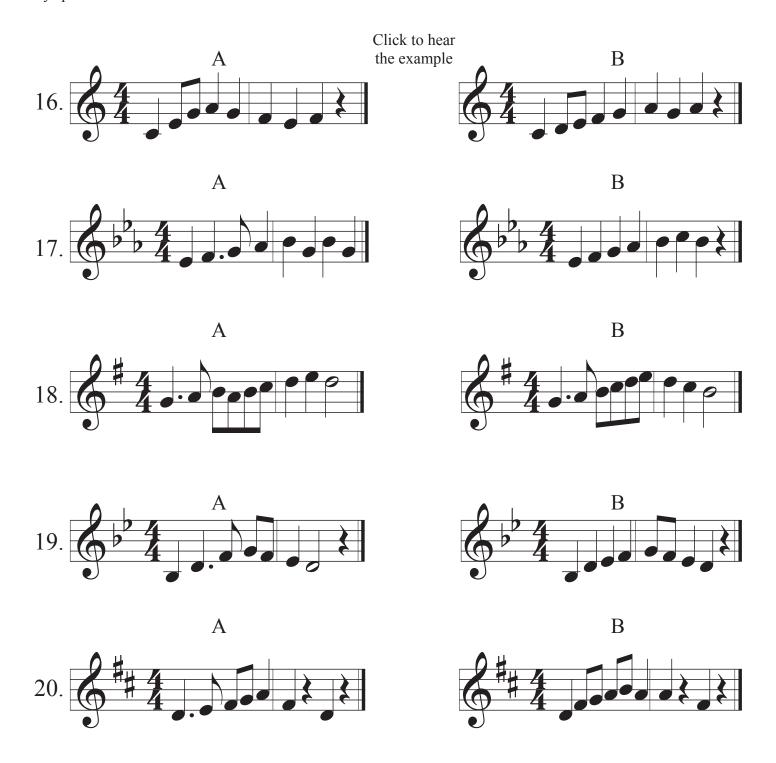
Listen to each example and determine whether the correct answer is in column A or B. Answers are provided at the end of this book.



MELODIC EAR TRAINING

In this section, you will hear a melody consisting of six notes (Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La) as in the melodic sight-singing section. Examples may be in any of the Major keys.

Look at the melodies in column A and B for each question, click to listen, and determine the melody you hear. Pay special attention to the direction of the notes.



A Major 3rd is easily identified as "Do-Mi" in a Major scale.

When sounded harmonically, a Major 3rd is consonant (pleasing to the ear).

A Major 3rd includes 4 half steps (or 2 whole steps).

Listen to the following examples of Major 3rds.



Listen to the following examples of Major 2nds, minor 2nds and Major 3rds. Choose whether the interval you hear is in column A or B.

A 33. Major 2nd	B minor 2nd	
34. Major 2nd	Major 3rd	
35. minor 2nd	Major 3rd	
36. Major 3rd	Major 2nd	
37. Major 2nd	minor 2nd	
38. Major 3rd	Major 2nd	
39. minor 2nd	Major 2nd	
40. Major 3rd	minor 2nd	

PRACTICE TEST #1

Click the play button to listen to each question and its musical example. Choose the correct answer.

A	В
1. Adagio	Allegretto
A	В
2. Meno mosso	Più mosso
A	В
3. Jazz music	Romantic Period of Music
A	В
4. Half Step	Whole Step
A	В
5. Accelerando	Largo
A	В
6. Interval of a 3rd	Interval of a min. 2nd