

The names of keys in French, German, Italian, and Spanish

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English	French	German	Italian	Spanish
major	majeur	Dur	maggiore	mayor
minor	mineur	Moll	minore	menor
sharp	dièse	-is	diesis	sostenido
flat	bémol	-es	bemolle	bemol

English	French	German	Italian	Spanish
A flat	la bémol	as	la bemolle	la bemol
A	la	A	la	la
A sharp	la dièse	ais	la diesis	la sostenido
B flat	si bémol	B	si bemolle	si bemol
B	si	H	si	si
C flat	do bémol	ces	do bemolle	do bemol
C	ut/do	C	do	do
C sharp	do dièse	cis	do diesis	do sostenido
D flat	ré bémol	des	re bemolle	re bemol
D	ré	D	re	re
D sharp	ré dièse	dis	re diesis	re sostenido
E flat	mi bémol	es	mi bemolle	mi bemol
E	mi	E	mi	mi
F	fa	F	fa	fa
F sharp	fa dièse	fis	fa diesis	fa sostenido
G flat	sol bémol	ges	sol bemolle	sol bemol
G	sol	G	sol	sol
G sharp	sol dièse	gis	sol diesis	sol sostenido

Modified from Cohen, A.I. International encyclopedia of women composers, 2nd ed., p. 821.

[Musical key signatures:](#)

Sharp keys



G Major D Major A Major E Major
E Minor B Minor F# Minor C# Minor

Flat keys



F Major Bb Major Eb Major Ab Major
D Minor G Minor C Minor F Minor



B Major F# Major C# Major
G# Minor D# Minor A# Minor



Db Major Gb Major Cb Major
Bb Minor Eb Minor Ab Minor

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