

MUSICIANSHIP

Interval Cheat Sheet

What is an Interval?

An interval is the DISTANCE between two notes. Any two different notes played together create an interval. Learn to recognize each type of “distance” by singing the first notes of these familiar tunes:

- Minor 2nd (Half Step)
 - I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas
 - Jaws
- Major 2nd (Whole Step)
 - Baby Shark
 - Happy Birthday
 - Marry Had a Little Lamb
- Minor 3rd
 - This Old Man, Tattle-Tail Song
- Major 3
 - When the Saints Go Marching In
 - Doe a Deer, A Female Deer

- Perfect 4
 - Amazing Grace
 - Here Comes the Bride
- Augment 4 /diminished 5 (Tritone)
 - Maria
 - The Simpsons
- Perfect 5
 - Superman
 - Stars Wars
 - Twinkle Twinkle
- Minor 6
 - The Entertainer
- Major 6
 - NBC
 - It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 - My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean
- Minor 7
 - There’s a Place for Us
 - Star Trek
- Major 7 / Octave
 - Somewhere Over the Rainbow (2nd & 3rd notes)

TERMS TO DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HEAR...

- Consonant/Dissonant

- Close/Wide

- Major/Minor

Other descriptions...

It can be helpful to describe what you're hearing. Is the interval *pure*? Is it *muddy*? Does it feel resolved, or does it have a lot of tension?