



Ben Somewhen Resource Sheet Two - Musical Intervals

An interval is the distance between two notes.

Using the C major scale:

C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	Interval name
C 1	D 2							2 nd
C 1		E 3						3 rd
C 1			F 4					4 th
C 1				G 5				5 th
C 1					A 6			6 th
C 1						B 7		7 th
C 1							C 8	An octave (8 th)

You can work out intervals starting on any note:

C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	Interval name
	D 1		F 3					3 rd
			F 1	2	3	B 4		4 th
		E 1		2	3	B 5		5 th
					A 1	2	C 3	3 rd

Play some thirds with a partner.

How many thirds can you find?

*C – E is a third
E – G is a third
G – B is a third...*

Play some fourths with a partner.

How many fourths can you find?

*C – F is a fourth
F – B is a fourth
E – A is a fourth*