



MAJOR CHORD HELP SHEET



WHAT IS A CHORD?



A **CHORD** is a minimum of **THREE DIFFERENT NOTES** played at the same time



WHAT IS A MAJOR CHORD?



A basic **MAJOR** chord is the **1st (root) note + 3rd note + 5th note** of a **SCALE**.
THE 1ST (& LOWEST) NOTE GIVES THE CHORD ITS NAME



WHAT IS A SCALE?



A **SCALE** is a series of notes that goes either **UP** or **DOWN** from one note to
the **SAME** note one **OCTAVE HIGHER** or **LOWER**



WHAT IS AN OCTAVE?



Anything with **OCT** at the beginning of a word means **EIGHT** of something.
An **OCTAVE** means **EIGHT NOTES**.

This is what a **SCALE** of one **OCTAVE** looks like:

C D E F G A B **C**

C is one octave **HIGHER** than **C**

C is one octave **LOWER** than **C**



HOW DO WE MAKE A MAJOR CHORD?



Let's take the scale shown above and pick the **1st**, **3rd**, **5th** notes

C D **E** F **G** A B C

So now we have **C E G** - the chord of **C MAJOR**