

Musical Alphabet 1

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Spend a moment looking at the information on top of your 10 hole Airwave harmonica. What you can see?



There are numbers above each of the breathing holes. What do you think the numbers tell us?

The numbers help us locate the holes, but what do we do when we get there? It helps to know the notes inside (blow and draw) and their names, which is why we learn the **musical alphabet**.

How many letters are in the **musical alphabet**? **10 / 4 / 7 / 8**

That's right, it's the same as the days in the week, the colours in a rainbow, and the continents of the world.

The musical alphabet is **A** _____ and _____

On our C harmonica, the letters of the musical alphabet start with C, so the sequence is **C** _____ and _____

This is like starting the week on Wednesday. When we play the seven letters, they sound incomplete. We add another C to finish the pattern. This pattern is called the **major scale**.

Sing the major scale **Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti** and **Do** again.

How many notes are in the **major scale**? **10 / 4 / 7 / 8**

And how far is it from **A** to **A**, **C** to **C** or **Do** to **Do**? The distance between two notes with the same name is called an **Octave**. What does this have in common with words such as Octopus, Octagon and October?