

## SOLFA NOTATION – PREGRADE 1

Music written on a staff (stave) is called **staff notation**. There is another way of writing music. It is called **solfa notation**.

**Seven solfa syllables** are used to **indicate pitch**. The abbreviation of each one is below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
doh	ray	mi	fah	soh	lah	ti
d	r	m	f	s	l	t

In **staff notation** we call the tone degrees tonic, subdominant, etc. In **solfa notation** they are called doh, fah, etc.

In solfa notation the key (key note) is indicated at the **beginning** of a piece:

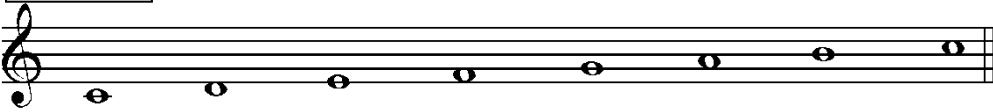
EXAMPLES: 

Doh is C
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 = C major (tonic is C)

The following example is in C major with the solfa notation below.

Doh is C
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*Staff notation* 

*Solfa notation*      d      r      m      f      s      l      t      d<sup>1</sup>

(The top C is indicated with <sup>1</sup> in superscript.)

Learn the solfa syllables and sing them while playing your scales.