

MNEMONICS

(memory helpers)

The image shows two musical staves. The top staff is a treble clef with notes on the lines and spaces labeled: F (space), A (line), C (space), E (line), Elvis' (space), Guitar (line), Broke (space), Down (line), Friday (space). The bottom staff is a bass clef with notes on the lines and spaces labeled: All (space), Cows (line), Eat (space), Grass (line), Good (space), Boys (line), Do (space), Fine (line), Always (space).

The three sentences and one word shown above are memory helpers. They are known as mnemonics (Say: ni - mon - iks). Here's how they work:

STEP 1: Memorize the mnemonics and what they stand for.

- 1.) **FACE**: treble clef spaces from bottom to top
- 2.) **Elvis Guitar Broke Down Friday**: treble clef lines from bottom to top
- 3.) **All Cows Eat Grass**: base clef spaced from bottom to top
- 4.) **Good Boys Do Fine Always**: base clef lines from bottom to top

STEP 2: If you encounter a note you do not know -
DO NOT GUESS!

A bass clef staff with a single note on the second space from the bottom.

Ask yourself:

- 1.) Is the note a bass clef or treble clef?
- 2.) Is the note on a line or a space?

Since this is bass clef and on a space, the mnemonic will be:
All Cows Eat Grass.

A bass clef staff with a note on the second space. An arrow points from the label 'Eat' to the note. The label 'Cows' is below the first space, and 'Grass' is above the second line. The label 'All' is below the first space.

Eat begins with an "E", therefore, the note is "E".