

ALL PENTATONIC SCALES, MAJOR AND MINOR, AND BLUES SCALES WITH FINGERINGS

The pentatonic scale (coming from the root Pente meaning five) is a five note scale. It utilizes some of the stronger tones in the major and minor scales, and can be thought of as "getting to the point" or getting to the "meat and potatoes" of the scale. Pentatonic scales are great for coming up with melodies. Many popular songs use the pentatonic scale. They are also great for improvising. This exercise will go over the major and minor pentatonic scales as well as the blues scale. It is important that the student practice two octaves and not one.

The blues scale is just a minor pentatonic with a raised fifth (or tritone.) This scale is great for improvising over blues melodies and should be practiced in every key.

1=TUMB 2=POINTER 3=MIDDLE 4=RING 5=PINKY

The fingerings listed are only suggestions

MAJOR PENTATONICS

BEN PORTNER

C MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2

C D E G A C D E G A C A

7 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

G E D C A G E D C

Db MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

Db Eb F Ab Bb Db Eb F Ab Bb

17 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

Db Bb Ab F Eb Db Bb Ab F Eb Db

D MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 3

D E F# A B D E F# A B D D

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

B A F# E D B A F# E D

Eb MAJOR

35 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

Eb F G Bb C Eb F G Bb C Eb C

41 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

Bb G F Eb C Bb G F Eb

E MAJOR

46 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 2

E F# G# B C# E F# G# B C# E C#

52 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

B G# F# E C# B G# F# E

F MAJOR

57 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

F G A C D F G A C D

62 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

F D C A G F D C A G F

F# MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

68 F# G# A# C# D# F# G# A# C# D#

3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 1 2

73 F# D# C# A# G# F# D# C# A# G# F#

G MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 3

79 G A B D E G A B D E G G

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

85 E D B A G E D B A G

Ab MAJOR

2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1

90 Ab Bb C Eb F Ab Bb C Eb F

2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2

95 Ab F Eb C Bb Ab F Eb C Bb Ab

A MAJOR

BEN PORTNER

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

101 A B C# E F# A B C# E F#

3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

106 A F# E C# B A F# E C# B A

Bb MAJOR

3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2

113 Bb C D F G Bb C D F G

3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3

118 Bb G F D C Bb G F D C Bb

B MAJOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

124 B C# D# F# G# B C# D# F# G#

3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

129 B G# F# D# C# B G# F# D# C# B

MINOR PENTATONICS

BEN PORTNER

C MINOR

135 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3

C Eb F G Bb C Eb F G Bb

140 4 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2 1

C Bb G F Eb C Bb G F Eb C

C#MINOR

146 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

C# E F# G# B C# E F# G# B

151 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

C# B G# F# E C# B G# F# E C#

D MINOR

157 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

D F G A C D F G A C

162 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

D C A G F D C A G F D

2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

168 Eb Gb Ab Bb Db Eb Gb Ab Bb Db

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

173 Eb Db Bb Ab Gb Eb Db Bb Ab Gb Eb

E MINOR

2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

179 E G A B D E G A B D

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

184 E D B A G E D B A G E

F MINOR

1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2

190 F Ab Bb C Eb F Ab Bb C Eb

3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1

195 F Eb C Bb Ab F Eb C Bb Ab F

F# MINOR

201 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

F# A B C# E F# A B C# E

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

F# E C# B A F# E C# B A F#

G MINOR

212 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 1

G Bb C D F G Bb C D F G F

218 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2

D C Bb G F D C Bb G

Ab MINOR

223 2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 1

Ab B Db Eb Gb Ab B Db Eb Gb Ab Gb

229 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

Eb Db B Ab Gb Eb Db B Ab

A MINOR

BEN PORTNER

234

2 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 1

A C D E G A C D E G

239

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

A G E D C A G E D C A

Bb MINOR

245

1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 1 2

Bb Db Eb F Ab Bb Db Eb F Ab

250

3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3

Bb Ab F Eb Db Bb Ab F Eb Db Bb

B MINOR

256

1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 1

B D E F# A B D E F# A

261

2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 1 2

B A F# E D B A F# E D B

BLUES SCALES

BEN PORTNER

C BLUES

1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 5 4

267 C Eb F Gb G Bb C Eb F Gb G Bb C Bb

3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 1

274 G Gb F Eb C Bb G Gb F Eb C

C# BLUES

2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1

282 C# E F# G G# B C# E F# G G# B

2 1 4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1 2

288 C# B G# G F# E C# B G# G F# E C#

D BLUES

1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2

295 D F G G# A C D F G G# A C

3 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1

301 D C A G# G F D C A G# G F D

E_b BLUES

BEN PORTNER

308 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

E_b G_b A_b A B_b D_b E_b G_b A_b A B_b D_b

314 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1

E_b D_b B_b A A_b G_b E_b D_b B_b A A_b G_b E_b

E BLUES

321 1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2

E G A B_b B D E G A B B D

327 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1

E D B B_b A G E D B B_b A G E

F BLUES

334 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

F A_b B_b B C E_b F A_b B_b B C E_b

340 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1

F E_b C B B_b A_b F E_b C B B_b A_b F

F#
BLUES

BEN PORTNER

2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1

348 F# A B C C# E F# A B C C# E F# E

4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1 2

355 C# C B A F# E C# C B A F#

G BLUES

1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2

363 G Bb C Db D F G Bb C Db D F

3 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1

369 G F D Db C Bb G F D Db C Bb G

Ab BLUES

2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2 1

376 Ab B Db D Eb Gb Ab B Db D Eb Gb Ab Gb

4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1 2

383 Eb D Db B Ab Gb Eb D Db B Ab

A BLUES

1 2 3 4 1 2 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 2

391 A C D Eb E G A C D Eb E G A G

1 4 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 2 1

398 E Eb D C A G E Eb D C A

Bb BLUES

1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

404 Bb Db Eb E F Ab Bb Db Eb E F Ab

4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1

410 Bb Ab F E Eb Db Bb Ab F E Eb Db Bb

B BLUES

1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 3

417 B D E F F# A B D E F F# A B A

2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1

424 F# F E D B A F# F E D B