

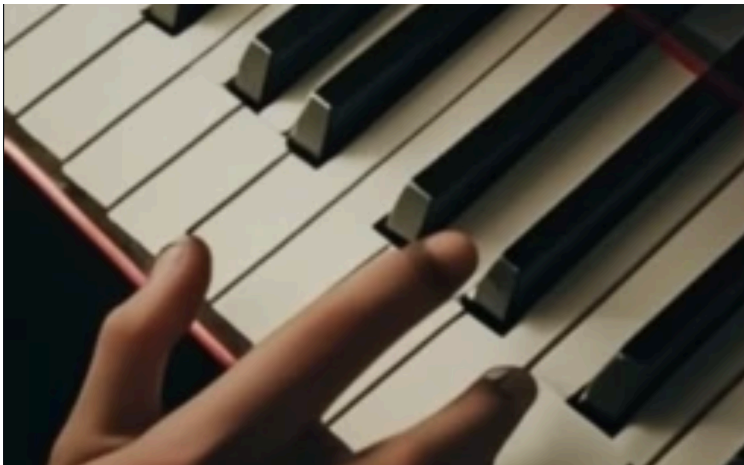
[HANDHELD CAM][SHOT ON FACE]



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In this lesson, we'll be learning how to play a C-major scale on the piano! Before we jump straight into the keyboard, let's talk about one of the words I just used. First of all, what is a scale? A scale is a series of 8 notes, going up step by step to span a full octave, which is a fancy way of saying reach the same note again. Since we're playing a C-major scale, we'll be starting and ending on C! Now, let's get to the keyboard!

[CAM ON STAND][SHOT ON PIANO + HAND]



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First, let's review how to find C on the keyboard. With practice it'll come naturally, but in the meantime it helps to find D. He's right in between these two black keys, so to remember where D goes I always say D is in the doghouse. And we know from the alphabet C is just before D, so we can figure that this note right next to D is our C. Since we're starting on C, that's where we'll set our right hand thumb.

[CAM HANDHELD (unfortunately I can't play with the stand in the way but I'll try to hold it still, ideally I'd have a better camera setup)][Shot on Piano + Hand]



“ top down view of piano keyboard please with right thumb on C, *Craiyon*, version 4, OpenAI, 22 Nov. 2024, [labs.openai.com/](https://labs.openai.com/).

Let's just play the first part of our scale, from C to G. See how we end on our pinky? To play the full scale, we actually have to do something different. Instead of hitting F with your ring finger, tuck your thumb under your hand to reach the F key! Then you'll be able to play the scale without stopping to move your hand. After that, you're going to stop on your ring finger again, because that's our high C!

[HANDHELD CAM][SHOT ON FACE] (original shot)



And congratulations, you've just learned how to play a scale on the piano!

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