Major Sharp Key Signatures

The Order of Sharps
The sharps are always written in the same order of the staff. Memorize the order of sharps. A saying to help you remember the saying is “Fat Cats Go Down Alleys Eating B ______” (you can make up your own last word!).

The Placement of Sharps
It is also important to remember that the sharps are always placed on the same line or space of the staff. For example, the first sharp on the treble staff is always on the 5th line, never on the 1st space.

Naming Sharp Key Signatures
To discover the name of a MAJOR SHARP KEY there is an easy 2-step process.

1) Circle the last sharp to the RIGHT in the key signature.

2) Name the next letter UP in the music alphabet (GO UP A HALF STEP). This is the name of the Major sharp Key!
Note: a ½ step higher than E# is F# and a ½ step higher than B# is C#
**Naming Major Sharp Key Signatures**

**Your Assignment**

A. Write the names of these Major sharp key signatures. (16 pts)

1. _______
2. _______
3. _______
4. _______

5. _______
6. _______
7. _______
8. _______

B. Name the Major key signature for each example. (2 pts)

C. Circle the complete Major scale found in each example. (2 pts)

Key of _______

Key of _______