The Order of Flats
The flats are always written in the same order of the staff. You’ll notice that the order spells the word “BEAD” with the letters “GCF” at the end. They are also the same order of the sharps backwards! Take 2 minutes and memorize the order of flats now.

The Placement of Flats
It is also important to remember that the flats are always placed on the same line or space of the staff. For example, the first flat on the treble staff is always on the 3rd line of the treble clef, the Eb always on the 4th space, etc.

Naming Flat Key Signatures
To discover the name of a MAJOR FLAT KEY there is an easy 1-step process. Watch out for the exception, though! The key signature with only 1 flat (Bb) is F MAJOR.

1) Name the NEXT TO THE LAST FLAT in the key signature. This is the name of the major flat key!

Remember, the key of F Major has only 1 flat. 😊
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Your Assignment

A. Circle the next to the last flat for all key signatures with more than one flat. Then, write the names of these Major flat key signatures (it is the name of the flat you circled!). (16pts)

1. _________
2. _________
3. _________
4. _________

5. _________
6. _________
7. _________
8. _________

B. Name the Major key signature for each example. (2pts)
C. Circle the complete Major scale found in each example. (2 pts)