Black Key Notes

Sharps

The SHARP sign is a sign that indicates that a note is to be played ½ step HIGHER.

A HALF STEP is the distance from one key to the very next key, whether black or white, with no key between. Half steps can look 3 different ways on the keyboard. The entire piano or organ keyboard is made up of half steps.

Thus, a sharped note is played on the very next key to the RIGHT (½ step higher).

When speaking of sharped notes, the word “sharp” comes AFTER the letter name, as in F sharp. However, in written music, the sharp sign comes BEFORE the note.

Your Assignment

A. Write in the name of the sharped note.
B. Next, darken in the correct black key.
**Flats**

A **FLAT** is a sign that indicates that a note is to be played \( \frac{1}{2} \) step **LOWER**.

A flatted note is played on the very next key to the **LEFT** (\( \frac{1}{2} \) step lower).

Your Assignment

C. Write in the name of the flatted note.

D. Then, darken in the correct black key.