

Let's Read Music

accidentals

An **accidental** in is a symbol placed before a music note, which alters the pitch of that note by raising or lowering it from its original pitch.

The three symbols are a **sharp** (#), **flat** (b), and a **natural** (♮).

A **sharp** raises the pitch by one half step. Draw five sharps here: # _____

A **flat** lowers the pitch by one half step. Draw five flats here: b _____

A **natural** cancels a sharp or flat. Draw five naturals here: ♮ _____

Also, if there is NO sharp or flat for a note, it is considered natural and does not need a symbol

On a music staff, the **accidental** is placed before the music note.



When writing using letter names, place the **accidental** after the letter: C♯, A♭, F♯

① On the staff below, draw your clef and fill in the letter names for the corresponding notes:

② On the staff below, draw your clef and write the notes above the given letter names:

C♯ F♯ G♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ D♯ C♮ A♭ F♮ G♯

③ A sharp raises a pitch by one _____ step.

④ A flat _____ a pitch by one half step.

⑤ A natural _____ the effect of a sharp or flat.