

Sharps Father Christmas Gave Dad An Electric Blanket		Flats Blanket Explodes And Dad Gets Cold Feet	
Key	Key Signature	Key	Key Signature
G major 1 sharp	F# ←	F major 1 flat	? Bb
D major 2 sharps	F# C# ←	Bb major 2 flats	Bb Eb
A major 3 sharps	F# C# G# ←	Eb major 3 flats	Bb Eb Ab
E major 4 sharps	F# C# G# D# ←	Ab major 4 flats	Bb Eb Ab Db
B major 5 sharps	F# C# G# D# A# ←	Db major 5 flats	Bb Eb Ab Db Gb
F# major 6 sharps	F# C# G# D# A# E# ←	Gb major 6 flats	Bb Eb Ab Db Gb Cb
C# major 7 sharps	F# C# G# D# A# E# B# ←	Cb major 7 flats	Bb Eb Ab Db Gb Cb Fb

The blue arrows show you that if you count back one letter in the **musical alphabet** you will find the last sharp in the key signature. For example, to find the key signature of B major, count back one letter from B and you get A. Therefore B major has all the sharps up to A in the sharp rule (**F**ather, **C**hristmas, **G**ave, **D**ad, **A**n – 5 sharps). Likewise, for E major, count back one letter from E and you get D. Therefore E major has four sharps (**F**ather, **C**hristmas, **G**ave, **D**ad).

The red arrows show you that if you count forward one letter in the **flat rule** you will find the last flat in the key signature. For example, to find the key signature of Eb major, count forward one letter from E in the flat rule and you get A. Therefore Eb major has all the flats up to A in the flat rule (**B**lanket, **E**xplodes, **A**nd – 3 flats). Likewise, for Db major, count forward one letter from D and you get G. Therefore Db major has five flats (**B**lanket, **E**xplodes, **A**nd, **D**ad, **G**ets).