Teaching Suggestions

1. To use as flash cards, hold cards up one at a time showing the ‘key sign’ side and ask students to tell the name of the key before showing the other side.

2. Hold cards up one at a time showing the ‘names’ side and ask students to draw the key signature before showing the other side.

3. Spread out the cards, words side up. Ask the student(s) to stack them in correct order according to the number of sharps or flats in the key signature.

4. (Classroom game) Key Sign race. One student stands facing the class holding the cards. Teacher chooses two students who will race to draw the key signature on the blackboard as soon as the card holding student holds up the card showing only the name side of the card to the class. Use simpler key signatures rather than the entire set for this activity.

Instructions:

The first ten pages of Flash Cards are the fronts. Print these out and keep them in their original order. The next ten pages are to be printed on the backs of these. Be sure to keep them THE SAME WAY UP so that the tops and bottoms remain the same. To protect your flash cards, they should be laminated. Once laminated, trim the excess laminate from the sides and cut the cards in half. You will now have a set of 20 Flash Cards.
major key?

minor key?
major key?

major key?
minor key?

minor key?
major key?

major key?
minor key?

minor key?
A minor

C major
F major

G major
D minor

E minor
B flat major

D major
G minor

B minor
E flat major and C minor

A major and F sharp minor
A flat major
and
F minor

E major
and
C sharp minor
D flat major and B flat minor

B major and G sharp minor
G flat major
and
E flat minor

F sharp major
and
D sharp minor
C flat major

and

A flat minor

C sharp major

and

A sharp minor