

# Music Notation

## Basic Pitch Description

### Notes on the Staff

Every note must be clearly placed on the staff or ledger line. There must be no doubt in the player's mind as to the pitch of each note.



Always try to make your music look like the real thing! Pay close attention to detail.

### Accidentals

Each note on the staff can have five different pitches.

Unchanged - natural                      ♮  
lowered by one half step - flat                      ♭  
lowered by two half steps - double flat                      ♭♭  
raised by one half step - sharp                      ♯  
raised by two half steps - double sharp                      x



### Rules for Accidentals

1. Accidentals must always be drawn on the line or space of the note they accompany. They are always located to the left of the note head, no more than 1/2 space in distance.

