

Minor Scales: Exercise 1a

(The minor scale "families" from 6 notes)

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1. D "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to F major), AEOLIAN MODE.

This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parallel" minor of a given key.

1 2 b3 4 | 5 b6 b7 1/8 | b7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

(Raise 6th degree)

The explanatory numbering system is based on the practice of describing each scale relative to the major scale built from each root-tone.

2. D Harmonic Minor.

1 2 b3 4 | 5 b6 7 1 | #7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

3. D Melodic Minor.

(Contemporary form)

(Raise 6 and 7th degree)

1 2 b3 4 | 5 6 7 1 | #7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

4. D Melodic Minor.

(Classical Form)

(Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree)

1 2 b3 4 | 5 6 7 1 | #7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

5. D Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode.

This is a very popular scale for Jazz/Pop/Blues improvisors.

1 2 b3 4 | 5 b6 7 1 | b7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

6. D Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

1 b2 3 4 | 5 b6 7 1 | b7 b6 5 4 | 3 2 1

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1. E "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to G major), AEOLIAN MODE.

25 This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parellel" minor of a given key.

(Raise 6th degree)

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2. E Harmonic Minor.

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3. E Melodic Minor.

(Contemporary form)

(Raise 6 and 7th degree)

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4. E Melodic Minor.

(Classical Form)

(Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree))

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5. E Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode.

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6. E Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

1. G "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to Bb major), AEOLIAN MODE.

49 This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parallel" minor of a given key.

(Raise 6th degree)

The explanatory numbering system is based on the practice of describing each scale relative to the major scale built from each root-tone.

53 2. G Harmonic Minor.

57 3. G Melodic Minor.

(Contemporary form)

(Raise 6 and 7th degree)

61 4. G Melodic Minor.

(Classical Form)

(Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree))

65 5. G Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode.

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69 6. G Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

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1. B "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to D major), AEOLIAN MODE.

73 This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parallel" minor of a given key.

1 2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 1/8 b7 b6 5 4 3 2 1

(Raise 6th degree)

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2. B Harmonic Minor.

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3. B Melodic Minor. (Contemporary form) (Raise 6 and 7th degree)

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4. B Melodic Minor. (Classical Form) (Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree)

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5. B Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode. This is a very popular scale for Jazz/Pop/Blues improvisors.

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6. B Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

1. C "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to Eb major), AEOLIAN MODE.

97 This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parallel" minor of a given key.

(Raise 6th degree)

The explanatory numbering system is based on the practice of describing each scale relative to the major scale built from each root-tone.

101 2. E Harmonic Minor.

105 3. E Melodic Minor. (Contemporary form) (Raise 6 and 7th degree)

109 4. E Melodic Minor. (Classical Form) (Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree)

113 5. E Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode.

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117 6. E Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

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1. F# "Natural" minor, "relative minor (to A major), AEOLIAN MODE.

This scale is considered the "parent" scale, or the "parallel" minor of a given key.

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1 2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 1/8 b7 b6 5 4 3 2 1

(Raise 6th degree)

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2. F# Harmonic Minor.

3. F# Melodic Minor.

(Contemporary form) (Raise 6 and 7th degree)

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4. F# Melodic Minor.

(Classical Form)

(Descends with lowered 6 and 7th degree))

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5. F# Dorian Minor. Forms at 2nd degree of Major/Ionian mode.

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6. F# Phrygian Minor. This mode contains a b2 scale degree. Popular in the music of Spain.

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