

Fast Formula To Find The - 5ths

Question6

The 5th is a very powerful note and will serve you very well in your everyday playing. I want to bring forth a fast easy to see formula that will show you how EASY is to find the 5th of ALL CHORDS! I suggest knowing SHELLS first then embark on the 5ths however you can pay attention to learning this along side of learning the shells if your SHELL work is functioning well.

This visual exercise will have you finding the 5ths on every chord quickly without even having to know the scale associated with the note.

I break it down into (WHITE KEY - 5ths) and (BLACK KEY - 5ths)

I also highlight the (2) acceptions to the rule.

WHITE KEY FORMULA - SKIP 3 WHITE NOTES!

Cmaj7 Dmaj7 Emaj7 Fmaj7 Gmaj7 Amaj7

For WHITE KEY CHORDS - Observe here how we SKIP (3) WHITE NOTES to arrive at the correct 5th. (another white note)

7 Bmaj7

*ACCEPTION

*Here is the WHITE KEY ACCEPTION - B chord still skips 3 white notes but the 5th is F# PLEASE NOTE THIS

BLACK KEY FORMULA - SKIP 2 BLACK NOTES!

8 Dbmaj7 Ebmaj7 Gbmaj7 Abmaj7

For the BLACK KEY CHORDS - Observe how we SKIP (2) BLACK NOTES to arrive at the correct 5th (another BLACK NOTE)

12 Bbmaj7

*ACCEPTION

*Here is the BLACK KEY ACCEPTION - Bb Chord still skips 2 black notes but the 5th is a F a white note. PLEASE NOTE THIS!

IMPORTANT: Note how the B and Bb alternate (white and black) and (black and white) as the Acception to the formula. All other keys will remain constant white to white OR black to black.

PRACTICE SUGGESTION: Play the Major7 SHELL and follow with the 5th being placed on next beat.

C F Bb Eb Ab Db Gb B E A D G