



## The Pentatonic Major Scale -

The pentatonic major scale is a 5 note scale (pent = 5... think pentagon). To find the notes of a pentatonic major scale, we take the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th degrees of a major scale. This is demonstrated below in the key of C major.

### C Major Scale -

C D E F G A B

### C Pentatonic Major Scale -

C D E G A

The pentatonic major scale is used extensively in many styles of music such as pop, rock, soul, funk and jazz. It is very important for creating riffs, bass lines and melodies in popular music.

Every major scale has a relative minor scale. This means that a major and minor scale exist that contain exactly the same notes. Below, you can see the C major scale with its relative minor scale (A natural minor). The corresponding notes are colour coded.

**C Major Scale -** C D E F G A B

**A Natural Minor Scale -** A B C D E F G

The C Pentatonic major scale and A pentatonic minor scale are also relative to each other. They contain exactly the same notes.

**C Pentatonic Major Scale -** C D E G A

**A Pentatonic Minor Scale -** A C D E G