

How to Build Chords:

chord: 3 or more notes together

Major = happy ☺

minor = sad ☹

Major

Diagram illustrating the construction of an F major chord. It shows a treble clef with a series of notes: F (root), A (major 3rd), and C (perfect 5th). The notes are labeled with intervals: m3 (minor 3rd) between F and A, and P5 (perfect 5th) between F and C. An arrow points to the A note with the text "always check the middle note to see if M or m". The final chord is labeled "F major".

minor

Diagram illustrating the construction of an F minor chord. It shows a treble clef with a series of notes: F (root), Ab (minor 3rd), and C (perfect 5th). The notes are labeled with intervals: m3 (minor 3rd) between F and Ab, and P5 (perfect 5th) between F and C. The final chord is labeled "F minor".

Ties vs. slurs

Ties - connect 2 of the same note

Slurs - connect multiple notes together, can be many

Diagram illustrating the construction of a chord. It shows a treble clef with a series of notes: C (Root), E (1st), and G (2nd). The notes are labeled with intervals: Root, 1st, and 2nd.

Diagram illustrating the construction of a chord. It shows a treble clef with a series of notes: C (Root), E (1st), and G (2nd). The notes are labeled with intervals: Root, 1st, and 2nd. An arrow points to the C note with the text "ROOT!".