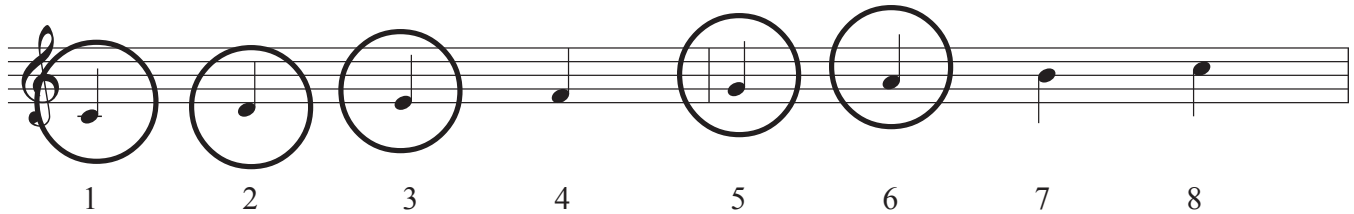


Pentatonic Scales

A pentatonic scale is a five-note scale. It's similar to a major scale. But instead of playing all eight notes of a major scale, we only play the root, second, third, fifth and sixth notes from the scale, as shown below.



This is a C major pentatonic scale.

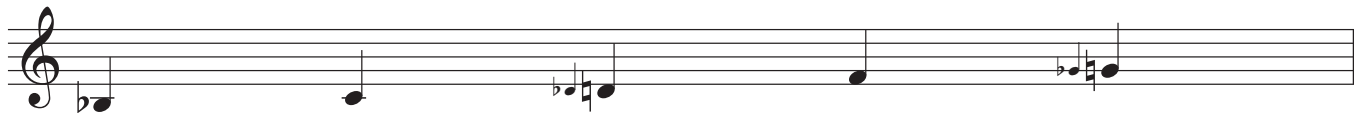


Alternatively, you can make it sound more bluesy by adding grace notes that are a half step below scale degrees 3 and 6.



Here are a few other examples of pentatonic scales in common keys. Play them first without the grace notes (just the quarter notes). Then play them again, and add the grace notes to make it sound even more bluesy.

Bb Pentatonic Scale



F Pentatonic Scale



G Pentatonic Scale

