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PIANO WITH IVY · LESSON 1

Hello, Keyboard!

A read-along picture book for ages 3–5

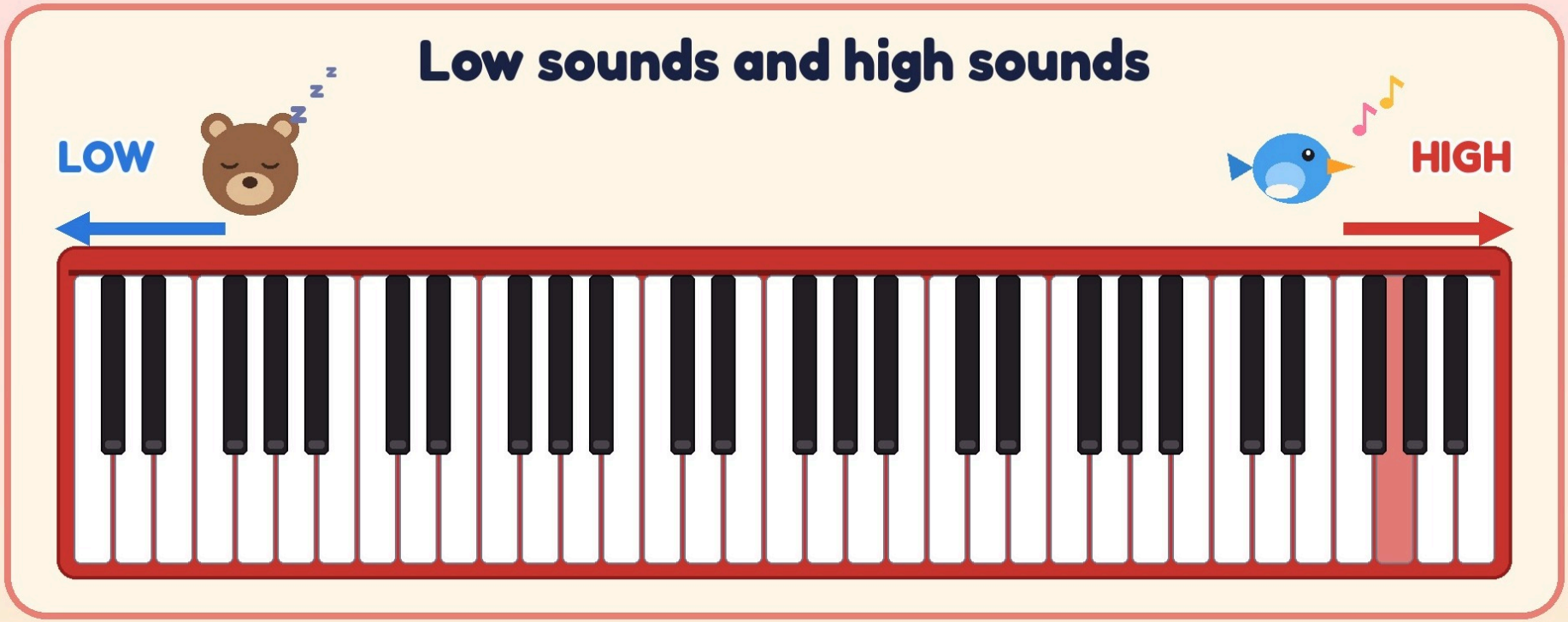
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Ivy Keys **Hi friends! I'm Ivy Keys, Botsville's piano teacher. Welcome to my music room! Today, we're going to meet the piano keyboard.**

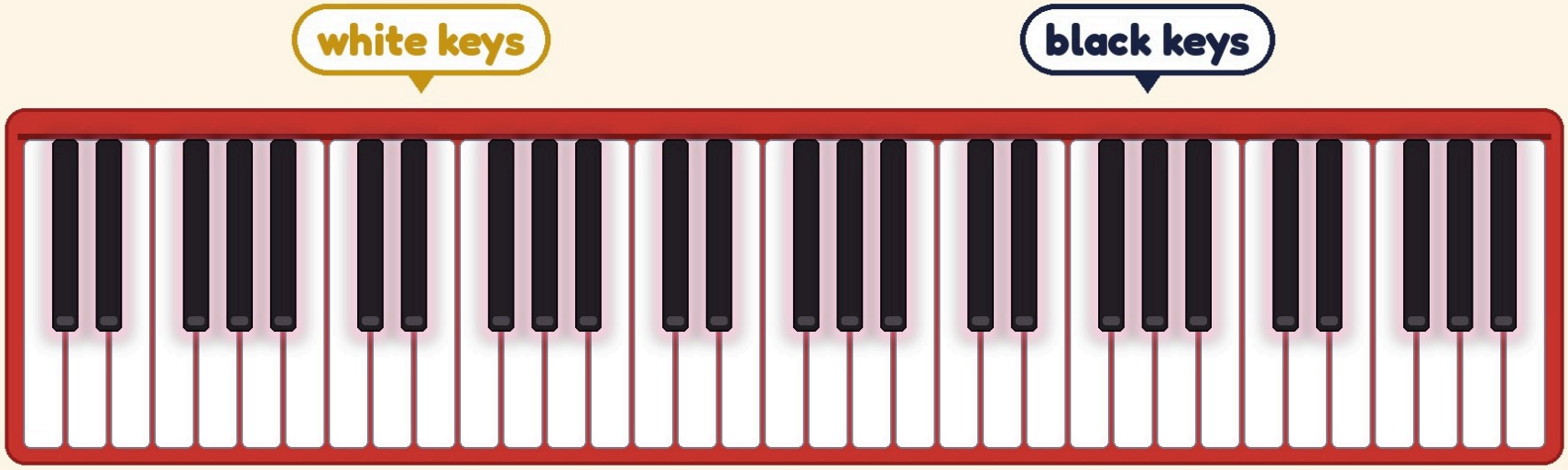


Ivy Keys **First, let's sit like a piano player. Sit up nice and tall, like a tall tree. Put your feet flat, and make soft, round hands, like you're holding a little bubble.**



Ivy Keys Listen. The keys way down on the left side make low, deep sounds, like a big, sleepy bear. The keys way up on the right side make high, tweety sounds, like a little bird!

White keys and black keys

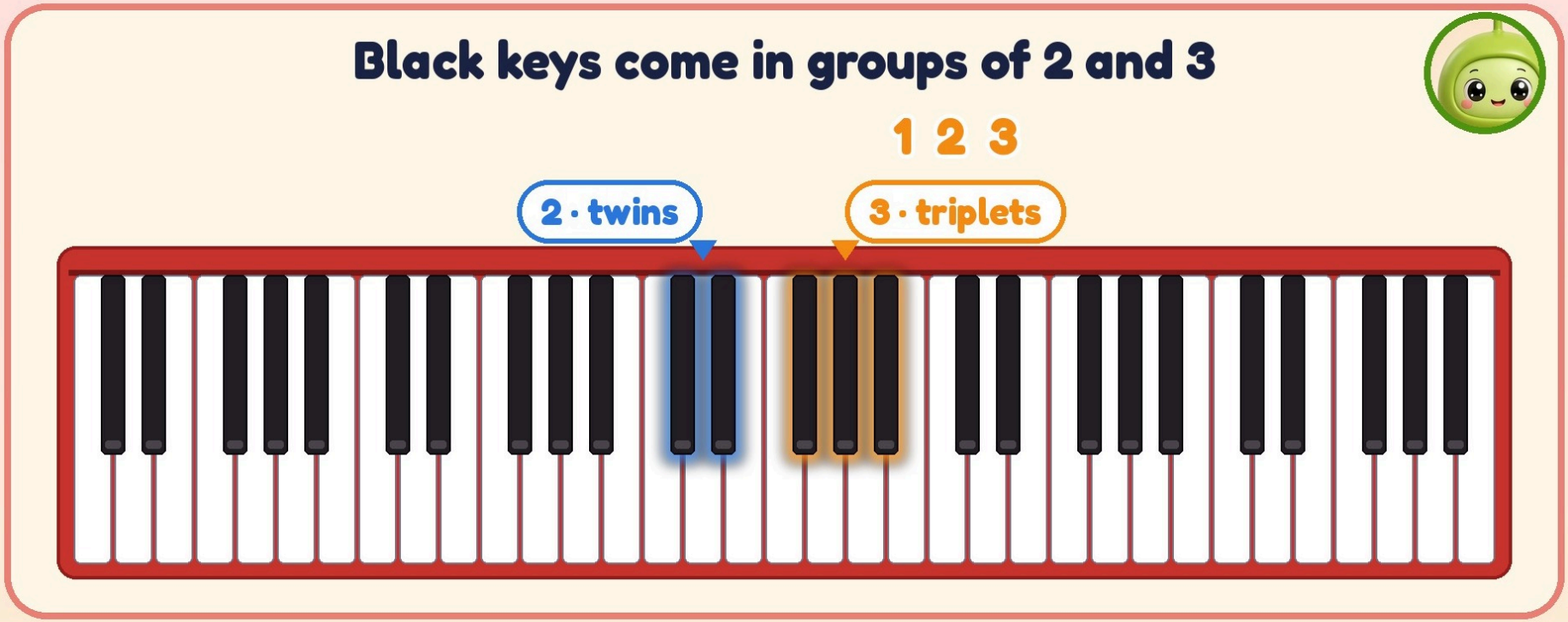


Ivy Keys Now, look at all the keys. Some keys are white. And some keys are black. The black keys are shorter, and they sit up a little higher.



Pemmo Hi, Ivy! I'm Pemmo! Can I help you count?

Ivy Keys Yes, please, Pemmo! Look closely. The black keys live in little groups.



Ivy Keys Here are two black keys, side by side. They're twins!

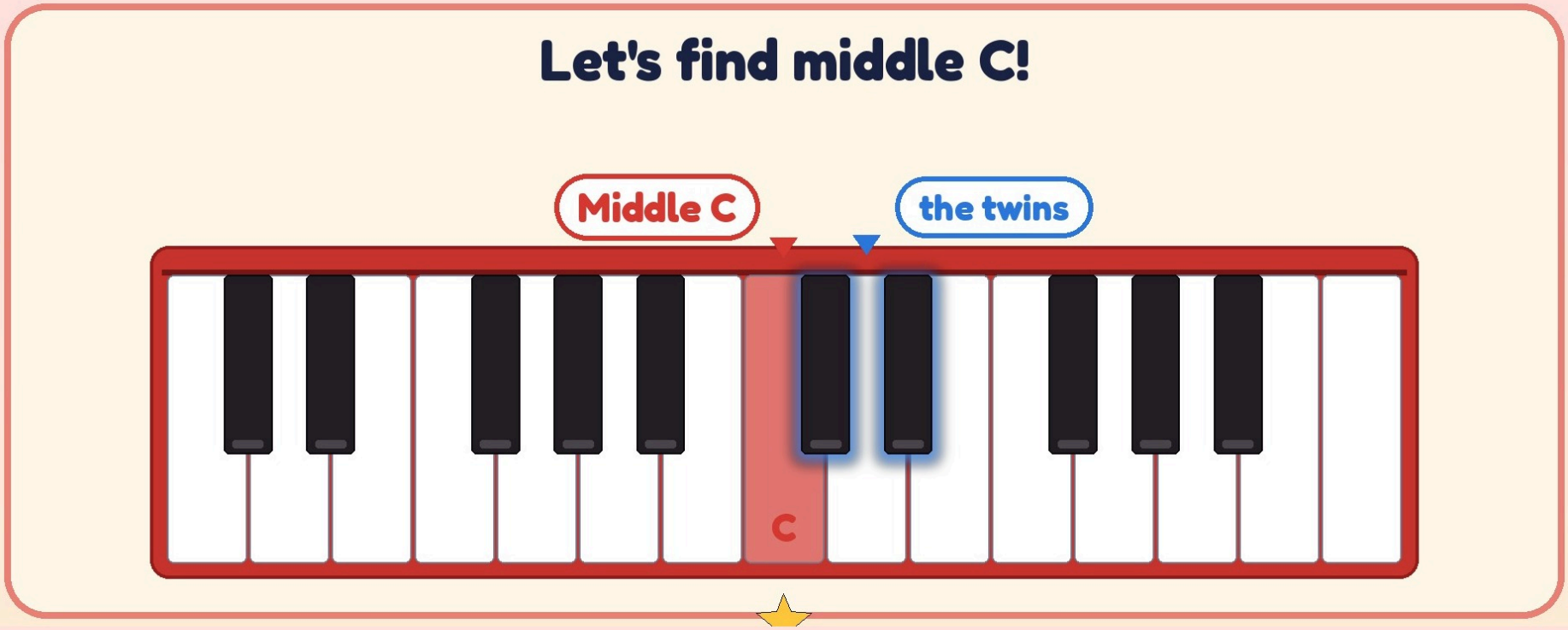
Pemmo One, two! Twins!

Ivy Keys And here are three black keys together. They're triplets!

Pemmo One, two, three! Triplets!

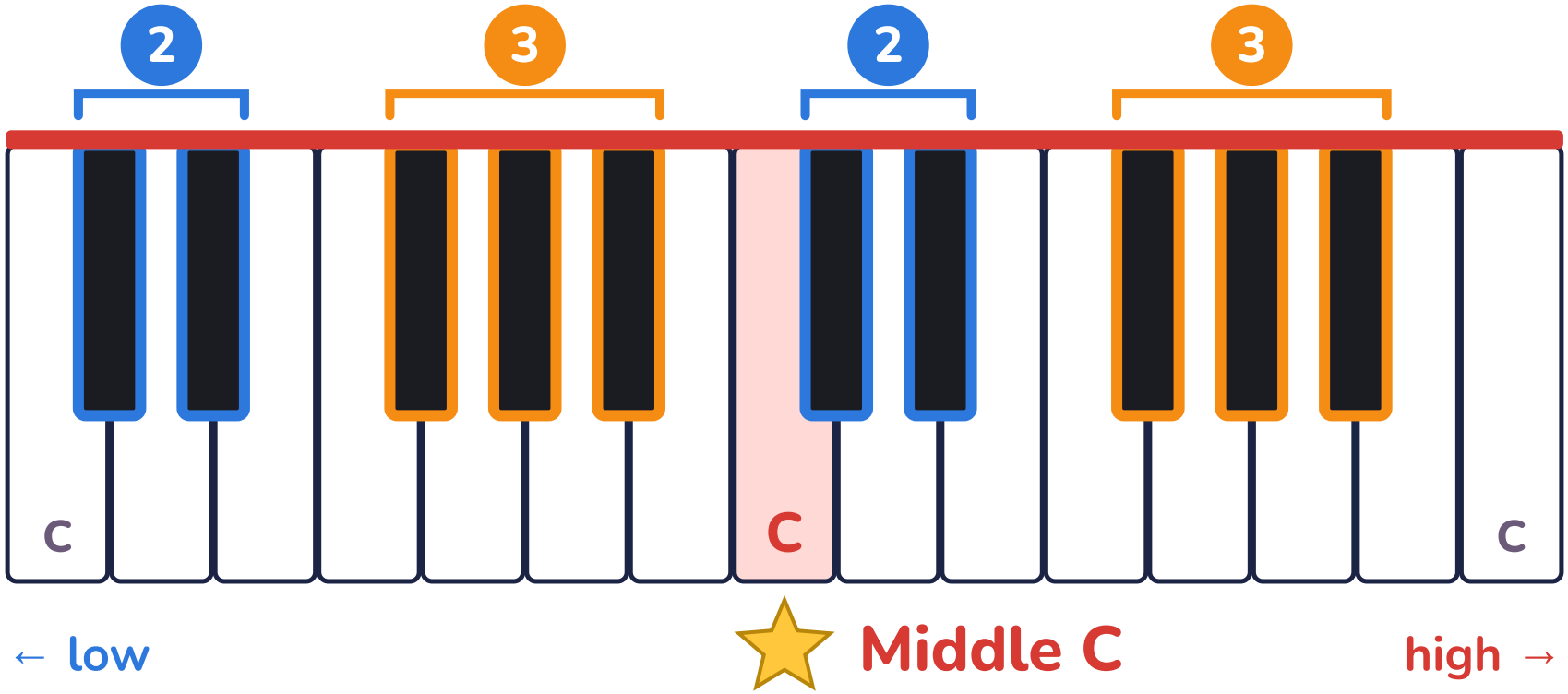


Ivy Keys **Now, here's my favorite piano trick. Let's find middle C!**



Ivy Keys First, find the two black keys in the middle of the piano. The twins! Now, look at the white key just to the left of the twins. That's middle C!

The keyboard map

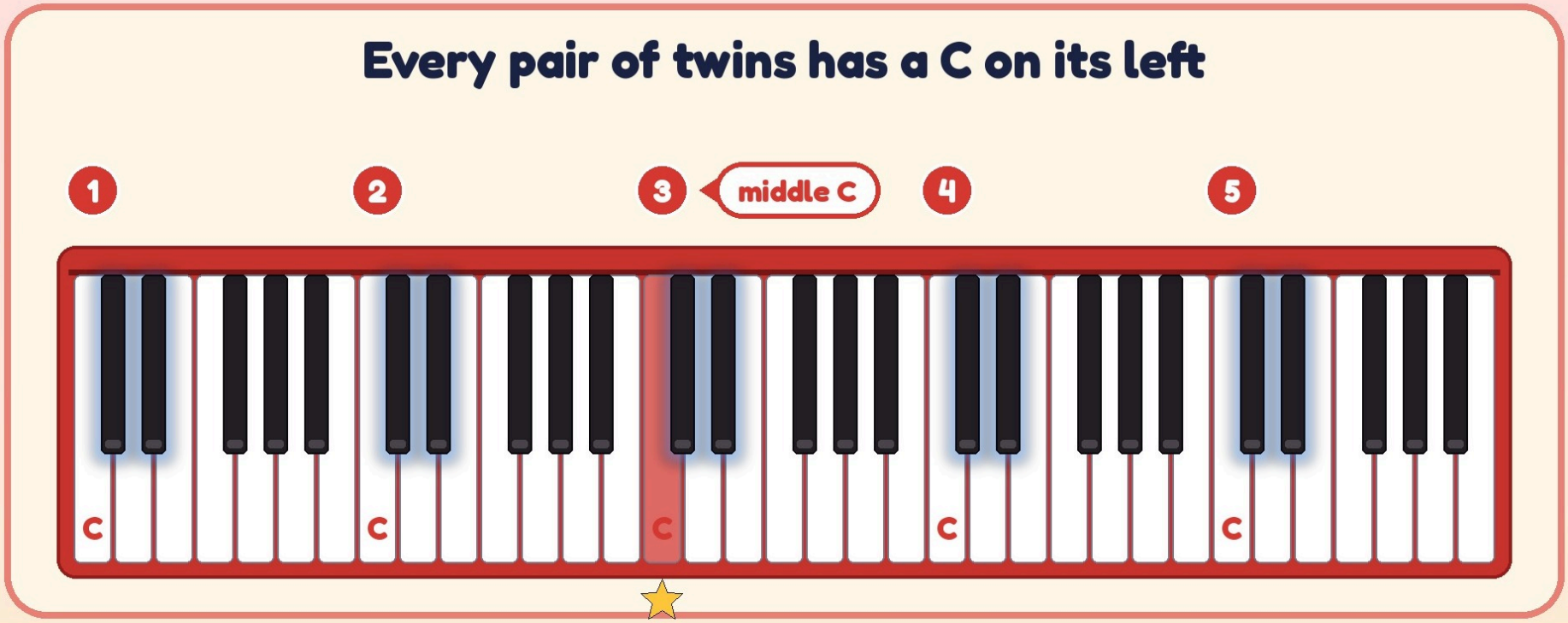


2 = twins

3 = triplets

⭐ middle C: the white key just left of the middle twins

Ivy Keys **Twos and threes, twos and threes, all the way across the piano! Middle C is like home base for piano players.**



Ivy Keys Here's a secret. Every pair of twins has a C, just to its left!

Pemmo I counted five C's!



Ivy Keys **You're doing great! Now, sit back and listen to a little piano song. It starts on middle C.**



Ivy Keys You did it! You heard low sounds and high sounds, you found the twins and the triplets, and you found middle C!

Pemmo Hooray! High five, Ivy!

Can you remember?

Point to the answer, or circle it!

How many black keys are in the twins?

- 2️⃣ Two
- 3️⃣ Three

Where do the low, deep sounds live?

- 🐻 On the left
- 🐦 On the right

Which white key is just to the left of the twins, in the middle of the piano?

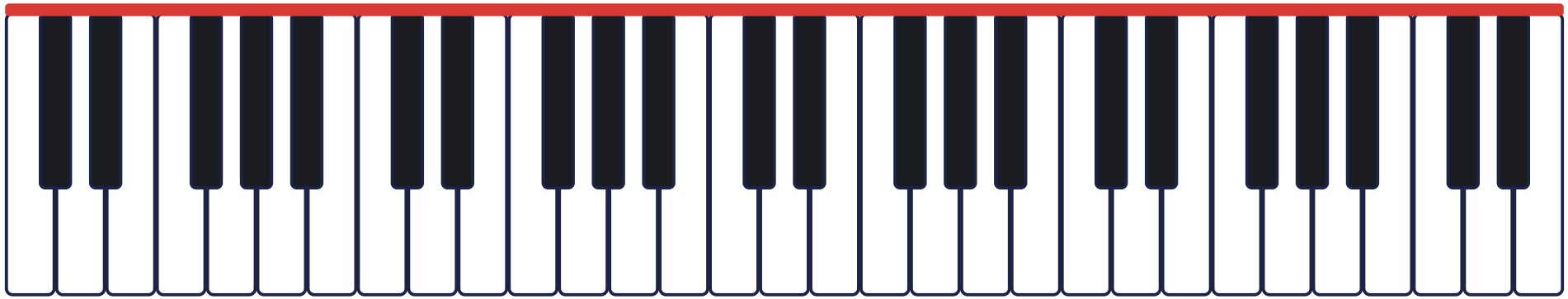
- ⭐ Middle C
- 🐻 The bear key

Answers: Two · On the left · Middle C

Name: _____

Find middle C!

1. Draw a **blue** circle around every group of **2** black keys — the **twins**.
2. Draw an **orange** circle around every group of **3** black keys — the **triplets**.
3. Color every **C** red. A C is the white key just to the **left** of the twins. How many C's can you find? ____
4. Draw a **star** on **middle C** — the C closest to the middle.



← low sounds (bear)

high sounds (bird) →

Grown-ups: then find middle C on a real piano or keyboard, and play it together, soft and loud!

Answers: 5 C's · middle C is the 3rd C from the left



You did it!

Ivy Keys **Next time, we'll learn the names of all the white keys. Keep practicing, friends. See you at the piano! Bye-bye!**

I found **middle C!** ⭐

Name: _____

For grown-ups: On any piano or keyboard, help your child find each pair of black-key twins, and then the C just to the left. The one nearest the middle is middle C!

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