

Intervals

Music

Every interval in semitones, with a song that opens on each one.

Count semitones from the lower note. The reference tune starts with exactly that jump.

Interval	Semitones	Starts like
Minor 2nd	1	Jaws
Major 2nd	2	Happy Birthday
Minor 3rd	3	Greensleeves
Major 3rd	4	When the Saints
Perfect 4th	5	Here Comes the Bride
Tritone	6	The Simpsons
Perfect 5th	7	Twinkle Twinkle
Major 6th	9	NBC chimes
Minor 7th	10	Somewhere (West Side Story)
Octave	12	Over the Rainbow

Perfect intervals — 4th, 5th, octave — sound hollow. Thirds and sixths are what sound sweet.