Music

Unit 3 Lesson 9 Inspiration from "All Blues"

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Harmony - 12 bar blues

"All Blues" harmony

G	G	G	G
C	C	G	G
	C	G	G/D

G7	G7	G7	G7
C7	C7	G7	G7
D7	Eb7 + D7	G7	G7/ D7

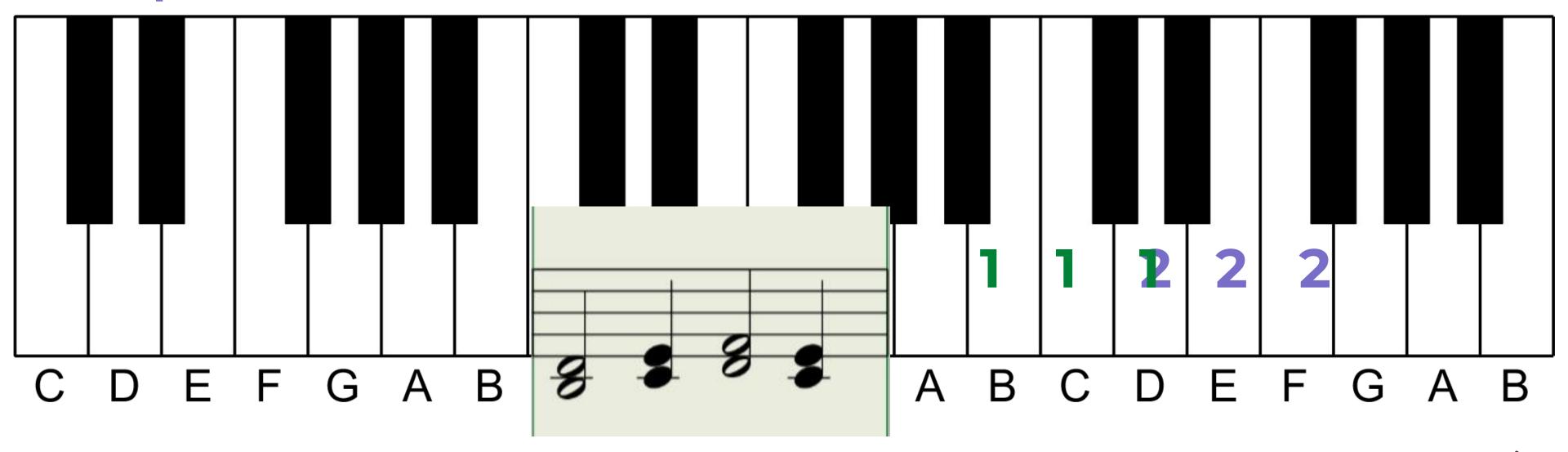


Saxophone Riff - "All Blues"

2 saxophones playing the same riff but in harmony. What does riff mean?

Saxophone 1

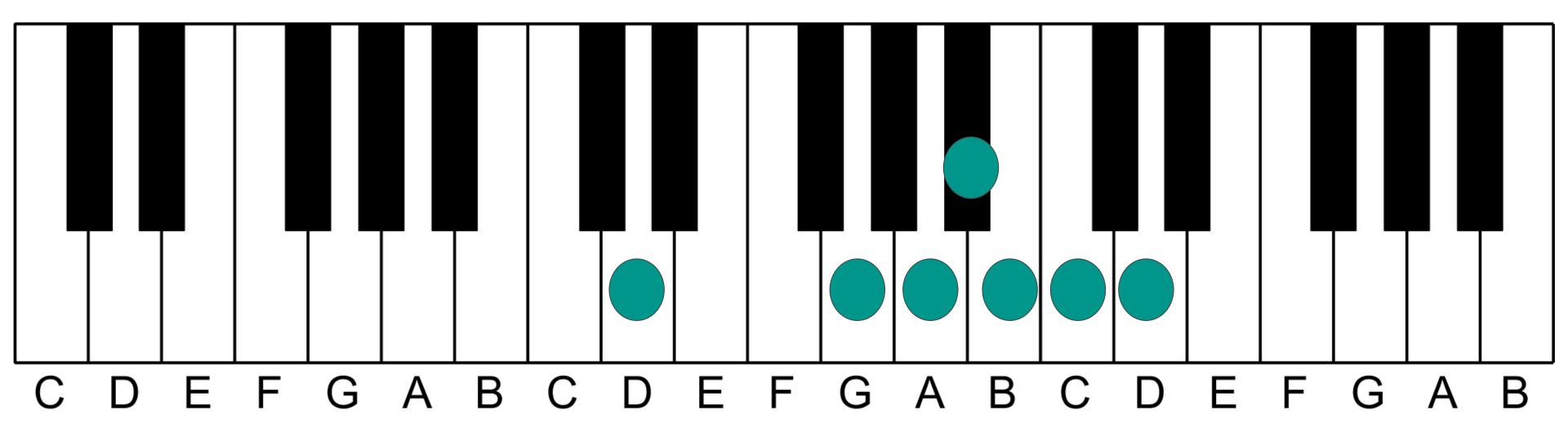
Saxophone 2





Main 12 bar melody - trumpet 'head'

Miles Davis decides that the head section/theme - will include the saxophones playing the **riff** and a **12 bar long melody played by the trumpet**.

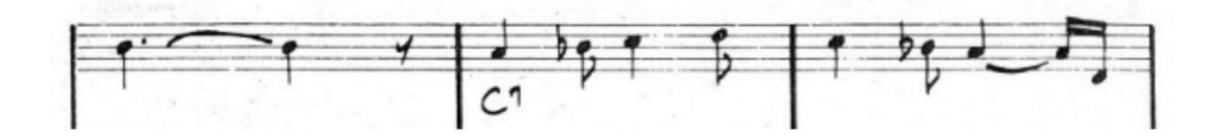


What do you notice about the notes in the head melody?.



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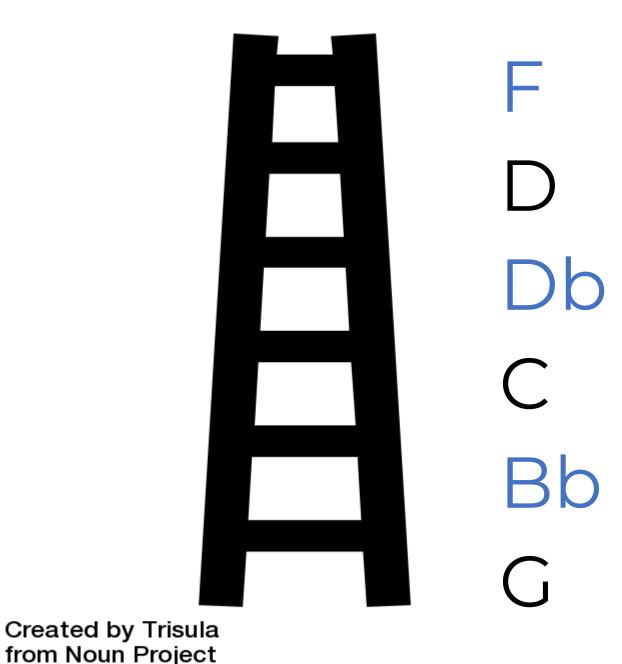








Improvising tips



Unsure...break it down:

- 1. Play a short part of the scale (for example: G Bb C, up and then down).
- 2. Not staccato (not spiky!).
- 3. Add in crushed notes (piano), or note bends/slides (ukes and guitars).
- 4. Play from the middle of the scale down to the tonic, and then back up.
- 5. Add syncopated and off-beat rhythms/swung.
- 6. Start each phrase in a similar way/on the same pitch.



References

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