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## Taking Flight: Insects

SCRIABIN Etude in F-sharp Major, op. 42, no. 3 ("Mosquito")  
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Flight of the Bumblebee

## HALF STEPS



Buddy shows us how the composer Alexander Scriabin makes the piano sound like a mosquito! Have you ever been bitten by a mosquito before? What happens when a mosquito bites you?

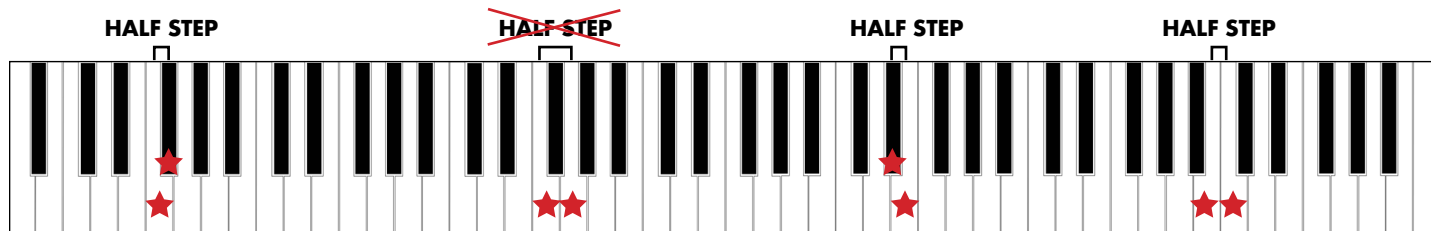
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What kind of sound do mosquitos make? \_\_\_\_\_

To imitate the buzzing sound, Scriabin takes two notes and plays them very fast. This is called a **trill**. Then, Buddy explores which two notes create the mosquito buzzing sound with a trill – how far apart are the two notes he decides on?

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When two notes are right next to each other, it is called a half step.



Can you identify the half steps? Circle all the half-step pairs you see below.

