



10 Ways to Practice a New Piece of Music

“Practicing” means more than just playing a piece over and over again from start to finish!

Need ideas for how to practice your new piece this week? Try one (or more) of the options below!

1. Tap the rhythm with both hands while listening to the music.
2. Practice the melody alone and circle any moves or tricky fingerings you notice.
3. Practice the harmony alone and label any chords or intervals you recognize.
4. Play each hand alone along with a recording of the music.
5. “Play” the piece silently on the closed piano lid, focusing on using correct finger numbers and good technique.
6. Start at the end and play the last measure, then the last 2 measures, then the last 3 measures, etc.
7. Play one line perfectly 3 times. If you make a mistake you must start over from the beginning of the line.
8. Find the most challenging few measures of the piece and play them 10 times.
9. Play the piece with both hands as slowly as possible.
10. Got the basics down? Record yourself playing one section of the piece and listen back to see what parts need more work.