

Level 1 - Steps to Learning a Song

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Below is a list of steps you can use to help you work out new songs on your own. Work your way down the list and once you feel confident, start playing the song. Use a metronome throughout the whole process until the very last step (See "How to Use a Metronome" instructions).

Steps to learning a song:

1. Say the rhythm.
2. Say the rhythm and tap the beat.
3. Say the rhythms and do the fingerings/slide positions/sticking.
4. Say the rhythm in your head and do the fingerings/slide positions/sticking.
5. Sing the note names.
6. Sings the note names and tap the beat.
7. Sing the note names and tap the beat **AND** rhythm.
8. Sing the note names and do the fingerings/slide positions/sticking.
9. Sing the note name in your head and do the fingerings/slide positions/sticking.
10. Play the song.
11. Play the song without a metronome.

