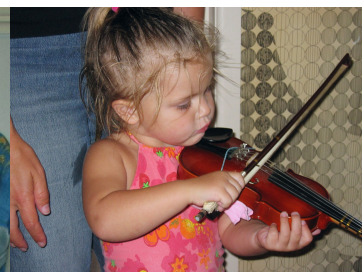




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Practising – The Art of Repetition.



Have fun games to pull out when attention is lagging, or you need to practice some skill a number of times. Get the children involved.

Key to Easy Practises.

2 Rules:

1. Make your practices a set number of tasks and **DO NOT GO OVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
2. Do something everyday, even if it is just a little practice.

Keys to coming back to practices day after day.

- Make practices a set number of tasks and **DO NOT VARY** from this.
- Set up a routine – like eating and cleaning your teeth, it just happens at the same time everyday.
- Never “do one more song”



How long should my child practice for?

Each child is different with different needs. Here is a guideline. Beginner should start at 5 minutes DAILY which increases to 30 mins by the end of Book 1. If they are struggling to do 30 mins, then break it up into two practices everyday. Book 2+ should be working to a task limit, not a time limit.

Practice Games for different age groups.

Under 5

Games for this age are important as it gives the children a break from the repetitions but still keeping their concentration on the task. Their muscles get a small break while they put the monkey on or race that car, but they stay focused on the task. They require Doing Games:

Barrel of Monkeys, Car races, Frog in a pond, Mystery Pictures, Puzzles

5 to 9 years

Children of this age group love the Doing Games as above, but they become more complicated. You can also add,

Concerts for neighbours, family, friends

Charts for practices completed, revision or tasks in a practice.

Rewards and bribery are great at this age

10 year +

For this age group you use your teacher. All routines you have set up in the prior years should be working, now try;

- Contracts developed between parents, teacher and student.
- Motivation from external sources such as orchestra's, ensembles
- Conferences and music camps are a great way to help with practices.
- Set task list.

How can I make learning easier?

Revision is the key to easier learning. The more revision you do, the quicker you learn your new pieces.