

Practicing with your Child: A Diagnostic Flowchart

This flowchart will help you lead your child to practicing *independently* by helping them answer the right questions to get them started using their own knowledge and skills. All you need to know is which questions to ask at the right moment!

1. "Where do your hands start?"

"Can you find the box that shows where to start?"

"How many black keys are there?"

"Are the numbers on White Keys or Black Keys?"

"What note is this? What finger number is this?"

"Which hand plays these keys?"

2. "Which hand plays first?"

"Where is the first note?"

"Which hand is up-hand (right hand)?"

"Are the stems growing up or down?"

"Which hand is down-hand (left hand)?"

"Is it a high note or a low note?"

3. "Which finger plays first?"

"What number is this?"

"Can you count your fingers?"

"Which finger is number one?"

4. "What's next?"

Finding and playing that first note is the hardest part. Once you help your child start, they may need help occasionally, but the rest should be smooth(er) sailing. As your child plays, you can help by **pointing**. Silently dragging your finger across the page note by note helps your child keep focused and remember where they are in the song.