

Practice Strategies

Say rhythm syllables	Say or sing solfege	Say or sing note names
Finger & say solfege	Finger & say note names	Finger & say rhythm syllables
Record & listen to your playing	Identify and label patterns	Improvise on a pattern
Chunk: Isolate a small section	Loop: Repeat a small section over and over	Jigsaw: Loop a chunk until it's fluent, then add it to another chunk
Three times perfect: Play a section or song 3 times in a row without making a mistake	Play each pitch without rhythm	Play the rhythm on a single pitch
Work on the ending	Work on the middle section	Write a reminder in your part
Slow it down	Use a metronome	Play with a practice CD
Practice with SmartMusic: MY PART only	Practice with SmartMusic: MY PART and ACCOMPANIMENT	Practice with SmartMusic: ACCOMPANIMENT only
Practice with SmartMusic: ASSESSMENT	Ask a music teacher for extra help	Practice with a friend or family member
Practice with your piano accompanist	Play the scale that corresponds to the key signature of the ...	Play the whole composition for continuity and endurance