

12 Steps to Using Music Learning Tracks

This is a twelve-step program to assist you in learning music. It is only a suggestion until you learn your own system that is best for you. The success of this program is contingent upon the effective LISTENING skills of the learner – much more than upon the musical background or ability to read music. Any of the twelve steps may be repeated before continuing onto the next step. BUT remember...EACH step is important to the overall successful results of learning ALL the right notes, words & timing of the new song.

DO NOT ELIMINATE ANY OF THE STEPS because they may appear to be insignificant to you.

STEP ACTION

1. Listen to the music on the master recording while you close your eyes.
(This will familiarize you with notes and timing and general flavor of the song.)
2. Watch the notes on your music while you listen to the recording.
DO NOT SING YET!
3. Again, watch the notes on your music while you listen to the recording.
DO NOT SING YET!
4. Watch the notes on your music while you listen to the recording.
DO NOT SING YET!
5. On a separate piece of paper (or on the back of your music) write down all the lyrics to the new song. Now, watch your own paper while you listen to the recording.
NO, NOT YET! DON'T SING, PLEASE!
6. Watch the notes again while you listen to the recording.
Remember, NO SINGING!!
7. Watch the words on your music while you listen to the recording. **Be careful, not a sound!**
8. Try to write down all the words again on a separate piece of paper without looking at your printed music. If you have trouble, listen to the recording again. Watch the words and then try writing them again without looking. Stay on this step until you have all the right words written without looking back at the printed music. **Now proceed to Step 9.**
9. Hurray! Finally you can add your beautiful voice! Now, watch the notes on your music while you **HUM** along with the recording. **HUM...HUM!** Singing is next!
10. Watch the words on your music while you **SING** along with the recording. Can you believe this? You're really going to SING this song for the very first time. However, **if you have any difficulty, CIRCLE the spot on your music as you go all the way through. Then, go back and listen (don't sing) to those parts again.** Happy singing!
11. Put your own practice recording in a playback device. Now, using your own recording device, **SING** the new part all the way through **without looking at your music.** I'll bet you can hardly wait to hear this step!
12. **VERY IMPORTANT STEP! YOU'RE ABOUT TO GRADUATE!** Watch your music and listen to your OWN recording and see if you are correct. You should be *wonderful*. But, should you have any doubt, go back and check your part again on the master recording. Concentrate on listening to the parts you circled earlier to be sure you have made those corrections.

CONGRATULATIONS!

With a little bit of luck plus all of your hard work, you are now the proud possessor of one more selection of music made beautiful by your additions of all the correct notes, words and timing!