

Practicing Tips



Practicing is an essential part to becoming a monster musician! We recommend that our students practice for at least 10 minutes, 4 times per week. Here are some tips to help!

Think about speed



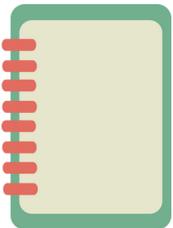
Don't play things too fast! It is so easy to rush into something and practice it as fast as you can. This will lead to frustration and imperfect playing. Your goal should always be to play something perfectly. Slowing things down and practicing them accurately is the best thing to do. Speed will come naturally the more you practice!

Bite sized chunks



Learn and practice things in bite size chunks. Work on specific details, then start putting the big picture back together. This might mean practicing 2 bars at a time, practicing each hand separately, or going really slow first.

Make notes



Make the most of the workbooks and printouts that you receive in lessons. Feel free to write your own notes on these and highlight sections that you feel are important. Keep track of your practice and you can even write a "practice journal" at the end of each practice session!

Have your instrument ready



Sometimes we can be put off practice by the thought of a long set up and pack down. A cool thing you can try, is leaving your instrument set up in an easy to access spot. For example instruments that are fairly portable (Guitarists, violinists etc) can leave their instruments in the living area. Drummers, you guys can try leaving your kit in a "ready to play" state, with your sticks out and your books open!

Have a goal



Having a goal is very important! Before your practice session, have a think about what you are going to practice and what you would like to achieve. It is far too easy to sit down and practice the things that you already know... Instead of this, set some specific targets and work out what you need to practice to achieve this. Your tutors are always available to help you with a practice plan!

Set the stage



Pretend that your practice session is a performance! When you start your practice session, make sure that you are prepared with everything you need such as your instrument, play alongs, sheet music and resources. Try to remove any things that could be a distraction such as toys, devices and games. Taking the time to get your space ready will save you time in the long run!

Prepare yourself

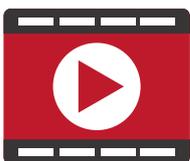


Practicing music can be frustrating! Every musician feels this way at some point in their musical journey. Starting your practice session with positivity, enthusiasm and determination will help you overcome some of these frustrations. Mental preparation is very important in order to have a quality practice session.

Be patient



Becoming a monster musician doesn't happen over night! if you can't get the hang of something straight away, be patient and keep trying. Music is an amazing form of art and nothing this awesome happens quickly.



Sounding awesome?! Send us a video to office@monstermusic.nz. We would love to see!

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