



North Kent Music Lessons

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Practice

You will not get very far at learning a musical instrument without

Effective Practice

Here are some tips for effective practice

1. It is better to practise regularly for short periods than practising for several hours all in one go.
2. Always have a warm up session before you settle down to serious practice.
3. Plan something to work on and stick to it.
4. Don't just play pieces through, that's not practice.
5. Pick small sections of pieces to work on.
6. Practise things slowly you'll be amazed at how easy they seem when you speed them up - *one minute slow is worth a whole year fast!*
7. Really concentrate on every move you make when practising slowly - don't drift off and start thinking about what you're having for tea.
8. Practise things above tempo- you'll be amazed at how easy they seem when you slow them down again.
9. Use a metronome.
10. Break difficult things down e.g. separate limbs, separate bars, separate beats.
11. When practising a difficult bar or passage always practise it with the bar before and the bar after.
12. Repetition, Repetition, Repetition, Repetition, Repetition, Repetition, Repetition, Repetition.

Play a piece you learnt a year ago and see how easy it now seems, imagine how good you will be in another year if you keep practising.