

Steps For Learning a Song

For Beginning Band Students

Step 1 Name the notes of the song out loud.

Repeat until you know the pattern well.
If you have the pattern memorized then
you are ready for step 2.



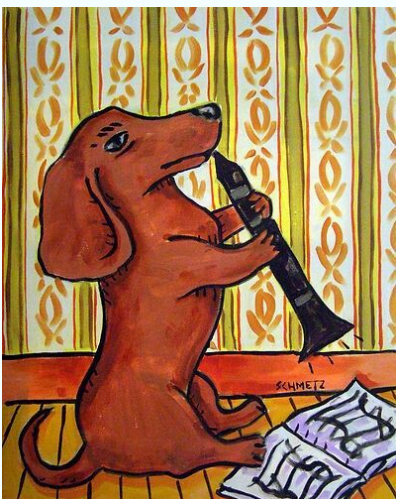
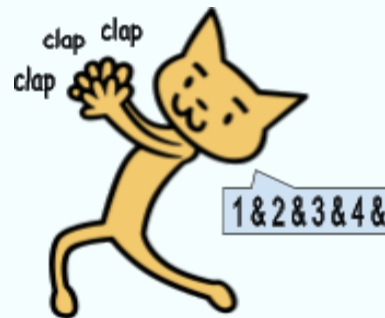
Step 2 Name the notes while doing the fingerings/slide positions/stickings.

Hold your instrument in playing position
for this step.



Step 3 Count and clap the rhythm.

This is a very important step!
(also try doing this before step 2)



Step 4 Play the song.

Remember...

- Always practice with Essential Elements Interactive.
- Tongue every note.
- Take a deep breath. Open your mouth to breath.
- Play with a full airstream.
- Keep your eyes tracking in the music.
- Read the music while you play, even if it is memorized