

Pitch Practice.

These drills are fun to do, but serve the purpose of teaching students beat as well as some basic rhythms.

Beat is the underlying rhythm part of a song. It is the thing that we tap our feet to. It is the foundation of the rhythm.

Low, Middle, High and Super High

Students have to be able to pick between the different pitch heights.

Here is the beginning of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.

Low

Me re do re me me me, re re re, me so so,

Middle

Me re do re me me me, re re re, me so so,

High

Me re do re me me me, re re re, me so so,

Super High

Me re do re me me me, re re re, me so so,

Here is the riff from the beginning of "Blister in the Sun".

Low

Middle

High

Super High

Here is the riff from the beginning of "Smoke on the Water".

Low

Musical notation for the 'Low' register of the riff. It consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The notes are: 3, 1-3, 3, 1, 4-3, 3, 1-3, 1, 3. There are slurs under the first and last notes of each measure.

Middle

Musical notation for the 'Middle' register of the riff. It consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The notes are: 5, 3-5, 5, 3, 6-5, 5, 3-5, 3, 5. There are slurs under the first and last notes of each measure.

High

Musical notation for the 'High' register of the riff. It consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The notes are: 8, 6-8, 8, 6, 9-8, 8, 6-8, 6, 8. There are slurs under the first and last notes of each measure.

Super High

Musical notation for the 'Super High' register of the riff. It consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The notes are: 15-18-20, 15, 18-21-20, 15-18-20, 18, 15. There are slurs under the first and last notes of each measure.

Copy that pitch.

Here students have to listen to a note and get their voice to copy it. We won't call it singing as many people are afraid of their own voice. Rather we'll call pitching out loud.

Follow these steps to get it right.

Listen → Think → Internal Voice → Hum → Pitch out loud.

Sing the first few words of the chorus to Jingle Bells - "jingle bells, jingle bells".

Low

Jin gle bells, Jin gle bells".

Middle

Jin gle bells, Jin gle bells".

High

Jin gle bells, Jin gle bells".

Super High

Jin gle bells, Jin gle bells".