

Practicing Tips:

You should try to practice:

Regularly

A little and often is better than a long hard slog the night before your next lesson. If you neglect your instrument for even a few days you will lose some of the benefit of your hard work.

Practice when you are likely to be relaxed to be relaxed and when there wont be too much distractions.

Carefully

If you make a mistake and repeat it, it will take much longer to put right.

You don't always have to start at the beginning of a piece. It is sometimes better to tackle the hard bits first while you are fresh.

Your teacher teaches you once a week, the rest of the time you teach yourself. Imagine your teacher is looking over your shoulder.

Patiently

Some days it can be hard to get started. Try to remember how you felt on the days when you played really well

Don't get frustrated if you cant get it right straight away. Play more slowly and gradually build up the speed. Remember all the best musicians worked for hours to produce the beautiful sounds we admire. They had off days too.

Enthusiastically

When you know a piece well try giving a practice performance to a friendly audience – parents, friends or even the cat.

Be brave and play in front of your class mates.