

# How Should I practice my Music?

Follow the steps on this chart!

**START**

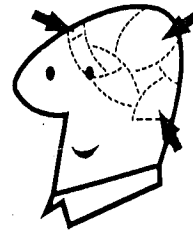
*The most important thing I need to practice right now is...*

What piece? \_\_\_\_\_

What measures? \_\_\_\_\_

What skills do I need to work on?  
(notes, rhythms, articulations, dynamics, tempo, etc.)

Think about which practice strategies would help you to best reach your goal.



- Slow down
- Play in the air
- Chunk it
- Clap it
- Count it
- Mark my music
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Can you play it?*

Identify and isolate the exact spot where you are having difficulty.

No

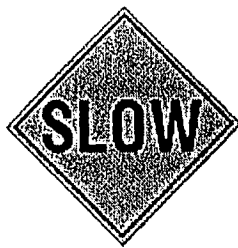
Go back to **START** and work on the next item!

Yes!

YES!



Practice in **SMALL** chunks slowly, using your practice strategies until you can play it 5 times perfectly



Did you play it perfectly 5 times in a row?

No

Can you play it perfectly 5 times in a row?

Put the "chunk" of music back in context and play it again until you can perform the entire section 5 times perfectly.

YES!

No

SLOW DOWN MORE OR TRY A NEW STRATEGY.

**Are you playing with great posture and hand positions?**