

How to learn a song by yourself

1. **Identify the notes.** Write them in if you have to.
2. **Make sure you know how to play each note.** Use the resources on the page for fingerings or slide positions. Brass and flute players need to make sure lips are in the correct position for high and/or low notes.
3. **Identify which notes are long and which are short.** Long notes are not colored in, short are colored in. 8th notes are 2 notes connected with a bar-think “ap-ple.”
4. **Play the song SLOWLY.**
5. **If the song is long, chunk it into shorter sections.** Slowly repeat the section over and over until you can play it correctly without mistakes. Then, repeat the process with another section until you finish the entire song.
6. **If you keep making mistakes, chunk the song into even shorter sections or play even more slowly before going faster.**