

# Practice Strategies List

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1. Clap the rhythm of your piece
2. Practice a little each day, not all at once in one long session
3. Have a certain time each day that is set aside for practice
4. Listen to a recording of the piece
5. Sing your part
6. Pluck first, then add bow
7. Practice small sections at a time
8. Repeat, then repeat, then repeat!
9. Play through passage slowly, then slightly faster each time
10. Practice just the left hand
11. Practice just the bow on open strings
12. Air or shadow bow above strings
13. Record yourself, then listen carefully, then fix mistakes
14. Practice the hard spots!
15. Play passage backwards
16. Start in the middle or the end, not always the beginning
17. Practice with a friend
18. Practice the whole piece really slowly
19. Try to play from memory
20. Perform your piece for a friend or family member