

# How to Get the Most Out of Piano Lessons

1. **Make a routine** – Get into the habit of practicing daily but don't beat yourself up if you don't. (And don't cancel your lesson if you don't practice.) Start small. Try for practicing three times a week, then four, ect.
2. **Don't Cram** – It's impossible.
3. **Ask questions** – If you don't understand something, ask. If you don't understand why you have to play scales or say the notes out loud, ASK.
4. **Communicate with your instructor** – Tell your instructor if you don't like the direction of your lessons, if you feel unsatisfied, frustrated, ect.
5. **Figure out your goals** – Whether you want to play a specific song or just want to be literate in the art of piano playing, or \_\_\_\_\_.
6. **Make a commitment** - Trying something out is fine, but piano lessons are slow-moving. It takes at least a year or two to learn to play really interesting pieces. It takes another two years to begin playing classics by Bach, Mozart, ect. If you are going to try the piano, commit to a period of at least a year.
7. **Find the best teacher for you** – If you know what you want, what your goals are, then you can find a teacher that is a good fit. If you want to learn classical piano then you wouldn't take lessons with a jazz pianist that only plays by ear. If you want to learn popular music then you wouldn't take lessons with a classical only teacher.