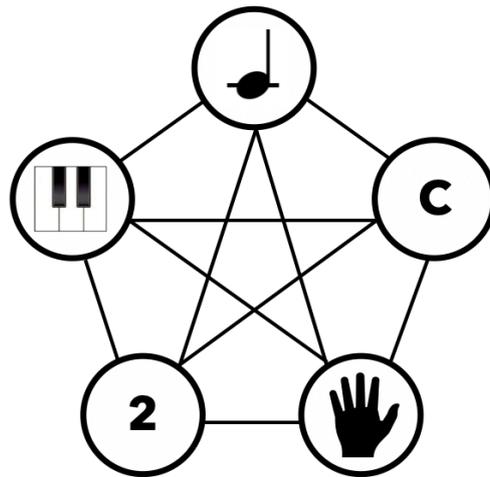


10 Mini Games for Piano Lessons



5 elements
10 connections

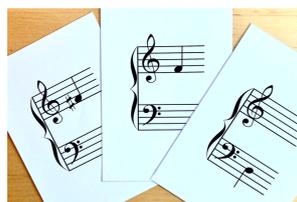
These games are designed to reinforce the individual connections between 5 elements of understanding written piano music: notes, keys, letters, fingers and finger numbers. By practising these games, a student is building connections in the brain between each of the 5 elements, so that eventually they will all flow together fluently. Each game has 2 variations, since the connection can run in 2 directions.

Most of these games are based on the assumption that 5 fingers will play 5 consecutive notes in any location on the piano. They can also be used for 3 fingers playing 3 consecutive notes, for younger children using only fingers 2-4, and some can be used for larger intervals. The flexible nature of the games means the teacher is always in charge of which notes and fingers they would like to work with.

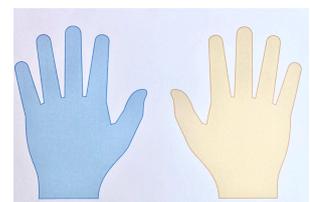
To play these games, you will need:



Letter tiles



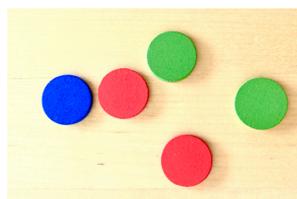
Note flashcards



Hands picture



Number tiles



Coloured dots

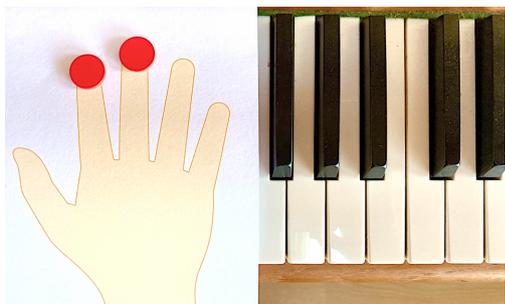
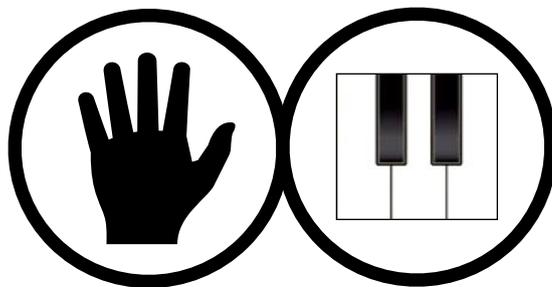


Piano and pencil / toy

These (not the pencil or piano!) can be found on a free pdf at 4squarepiano.com

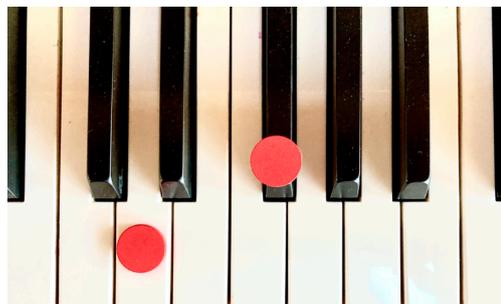
Mini game 1

Flashcards
Hands picture
Coloured dots



Instructions to student:

Place your hand anywhere on the piano.
Play 2 notes using the fingers with dots on.
Next level: What interval is this?

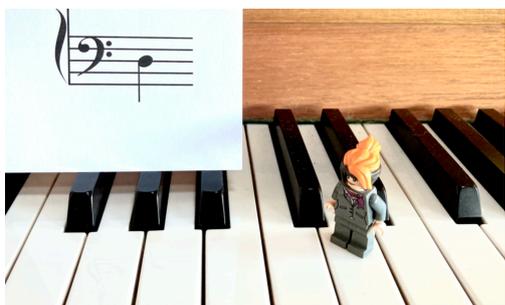
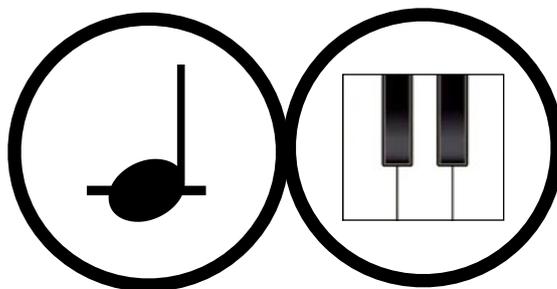


Instructions to student:

Your teacher will put dots on 2 keys. Work out which fingers to play them with.
Next level: What interval is this?

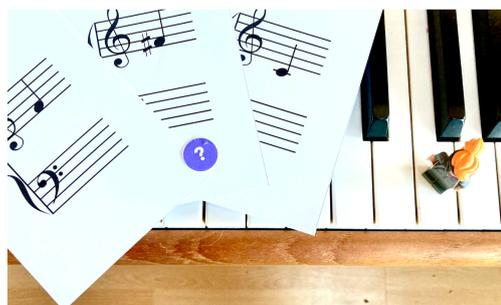
Mini game 2

Flashcards
Lego mini figure / pencil eraser /
other object to press keys with



Instructions to student:

Play the note on a flashcard with a lego mini figure / pencil eraser / other object
Next level: Speed test with 3-5 cards.

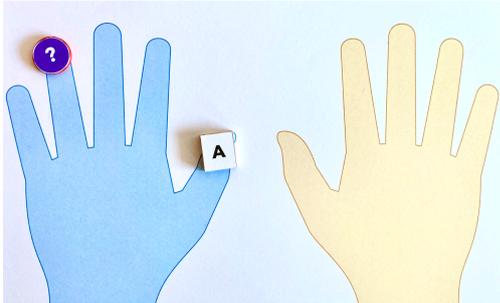
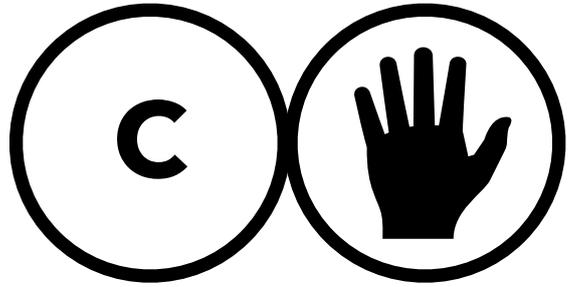


Instructions to student:

Watch your teacher play a note, and find the card with the note they played
Next level: Play 2 notes, covering the 2nd.

Mini game 3

Letter tiles
Hands picture
Coloured dots



Instructions to student:

Your teacher puts a letter on one finger and a dot on the other. Find the tile for the dot.
Next level: What interval is this?

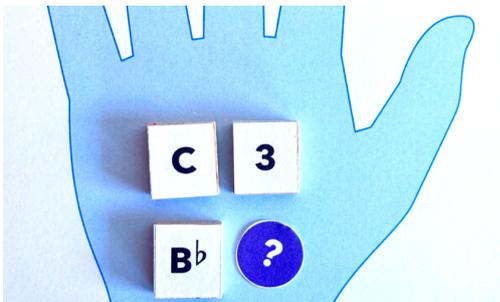
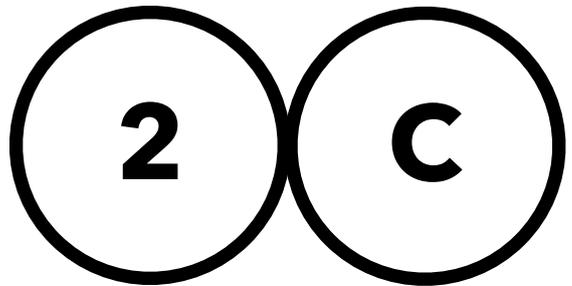


Instructions to student:

Tap two letter tiles with the fingers you would use to play them.
Next level: What interval is this?

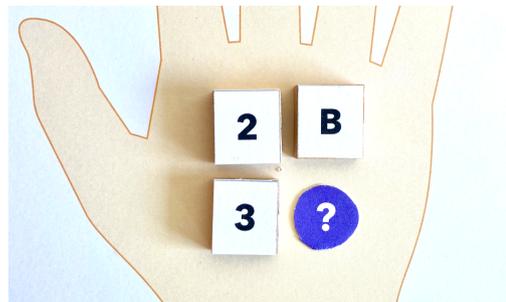
Mini game 4

Letter tiles
Number tiles
Hands picture



Instructions to student:

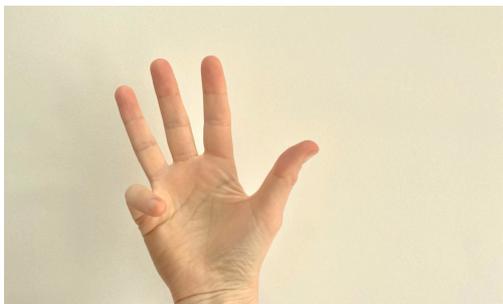
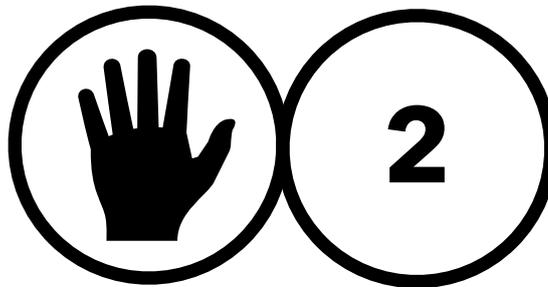
Your teacher sets out 2 letters and one number in a grid. Add the missing number.
Next level: Take turns adding tiles (max 10).



Instructions to student:

Your teacher sets out 2 numbers and one letter in a grid. Add the missing letter.
Next level: Take turns adding tiles (max 10).

Mini game 5



Instructions to student:

Find finger number ___ on both hands and wiggle it / tap the piano lid / your nose / etc
Next level: Tap a 3 digit number, eg 512.

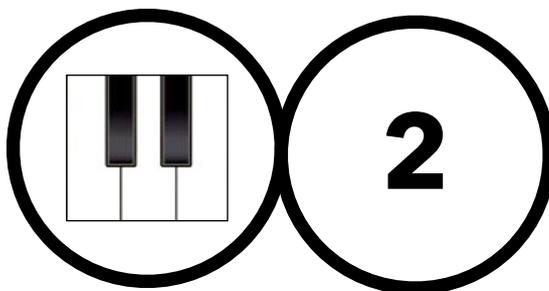


Instructions to student:

Which finger is your teacher wiggling / using to tap ___ ?
Next level: Which 3 digit no. did they tap?

Mini game 6

Number tiles



Instructions to student:

Your teacher chooses 3 numbers. Play 3 keys on the piano using these fingers.
Next level: Repeat each pattern 8va / 8vb.



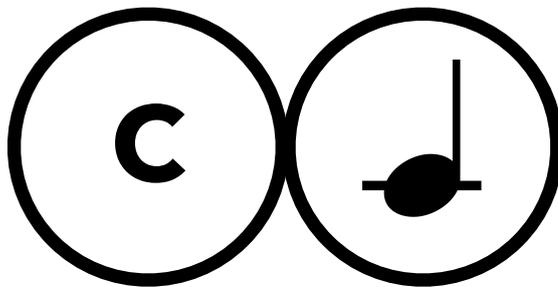
Instructions to student:

Your teacher places one tile on a key and gives you another. Place it on the right key.
Next level: Place 2-4 tiles.

Mini game 7

Flash cards

Letter tiles



Instructions to student:

Your teacher places a flashcard on the stand. Choose the letter tile that matches it.
Next level: Use multiple cards and a timer.



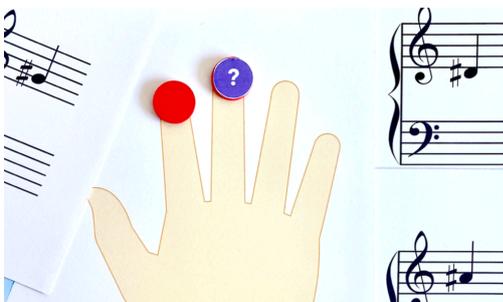
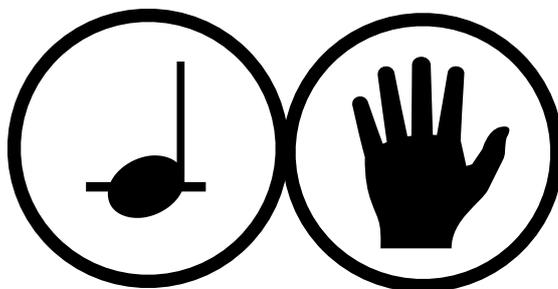
Instructions to student:

Your teacher places a letter tile on the stand. Choose the flashcard that matches it.
Next level: Use multiple tiles and a timer.

Mini game 8

Hands picture

Flashcards



Instructions to student:

Your teacher puts a flashcard by 1 finger & a dot on another. Find the card for the dot.
Next level: What interval is this?

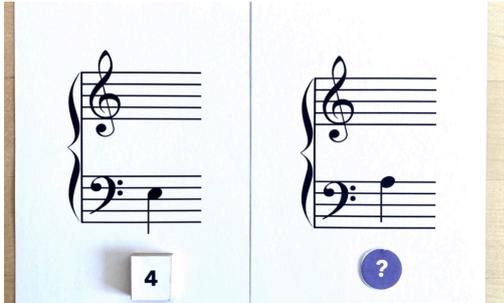
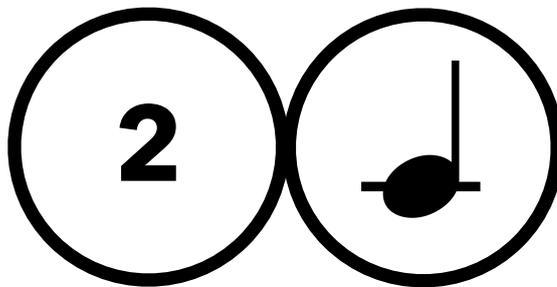


Instructions to student:

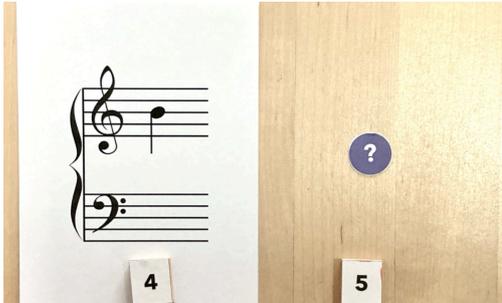
Your teacher puts 2 flashcards down. Tap the notes with the fingers you would use.
Next level: Use 3-4 flashcards.

Mini game 9

Flashcards
Number tiles



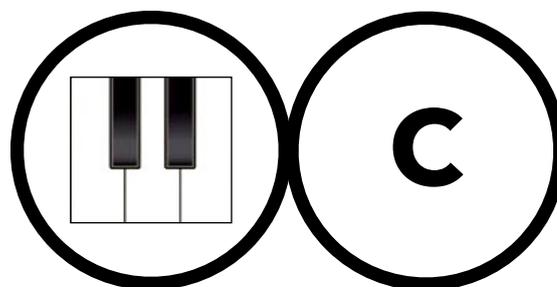
Instructions to student:
Your teacher has 2 flashcards and gives the 1st a number. Find the number for the 2nd.
Next level: Use 3-4 flashcards.



Instructions to student:
Your teacher lays out 1 flashcard and 2 numbers. Find the card for the 2nd number.
Next level: Use 3-4 numbers.

Mini game 10

Letter tiles
Coloured dots



Instructions to student:
Your teacher puts a dot on a key. Replace it with a letter tile.
Next level: Use multiple dots.



Instructions to student:
Your teacher gives you a letter tile. Place it on the correct piano key.
Next level: Use tiles spelling words, eg ACE.