



# Animal Habitat

Everything an animal needs is located inside its habitat. Customize your own practice nest.

## Isolation

Build time into your routine for quiet alone time or move your practice location to a quiet space.



## Notation

Place everything you'll need for writing at your practice station: a pencil with eraser and notepad &/or manuscript paper.



## Materials

Have ready your teacher's preferred hands-on tools like dice, stickers, or legos - we use more than just method books.



## Technology

Have ready your charged tablet or computer, metronome & tuner tools/apps, and headphones/mic.





# Animal Pace

Learn the technique and apply each to your repertoire for at least 2 weeks. Which one are you most likely to use again in the future?

## The Frog

Hop back and forth between two tricky places, gradually increasing in speed.



## The Zebra

Practice all even measures like the black stripes on this proud beast, or all odd measures like the white stripes!



## The Sloth

Look ahead. Plan the move. Then with exaggerated precision, execute the plan. Try moving across barlines or between chords.



## The Canine

Identify the form of your piece and practice finding your way home to the coda or double bar line, starting from various measures.





# Animal Nourishment

Animals hunt, gather, store, and scavenge their food from a variety of sources. What feeds your practice?

## Interest

Surprise your teacher with a new song that you learned just because it interested you.



## Confidence

Completely learn the note names, rhythm, transitions, and technique of your performance piece.



## Rehearsal

Don't practice til you don't get it wrong.  
Do practice until you know it so well that you can't help but get it right.



## Personal

Share a recording of a professional or amateur and tell your teacher why it inspires you.





# Animal Character

Match your piece to a character below and identify three examples in the piece that feature this character. Should your specific song lack one of these characters, be prepared to explain why.

## The Feline

Pet the kitty with gentle or *piano* hands. If you're too fierce, the kitten will run off fast!



## The Klipspringer

This antelope walks so precisely and jumps so high, they can take off from the edge of their tiny hoof and land on a silver dollar.



## The Pachyderm

Strong or *forte* legs announce the arrival of elephants before hearing their trumpet calls.



## The Piscis

Imagine running fingers down the scales of a fish and gliding from each one to the next. The scales feel connected or *legato*.





# Majestic Musical Menagerie

Learn some seriously momentous music from history to broaden your education as a musician. Each activity is its own challenge for the grand prize!

## The Children's Story

Write a 1-2 page analysis of the dark opera *L'enfant et les sortilèges (the Child & the Spells)* or *Peter & The Wolf* using original comparisons.



## The Pop Star

Select a contemporary piece to learn that uses animal lyrics, imagery, or technique to convey emotions or a story.



## The Bumblebee

Warm up with Rimsky-Korsakov's chromatic insect portrayal and apply similar momentum and phrasing to your repertoire.



## The Carnival

Perform a movement by Camille Saint-Saens for your virtual connections that contrasts with your performance piece.





# How To Enter

Color in each paw print after completing your activity. After all four are complete, contact us to be entered to win 1 of 4 grand prizes. Completing one activity in the Majestic Musical Menagerie is equivalent to all 4 activities with paws.

## Your Teacher

Demonstrate during your lesson and your teacher will create an entry for you.



## Social Media

Post a short video and tag us and we'll enter you to win. Be sure to follow along the blog to see who's entered to win!



## Directly

Don't want to use lesson time? Schedule a make-up or consult with Bonnie to demonstrate your accomplishments & be entered.



## Refer

Refer a friend who becomes a member and get a bonus entry into the contest! Be sure they mention your name at registration.

