

Some questions answered

Q. What are the differences among the Learn, Play, Quiz and Challenge levels of the games?

A.

- Learn—provides help in the form of a tutorial, onscreen help during the game, or slower game play
- Play—is where the student practices the skill or concept, usually faster paced, different scoring and timing
- Quiz—is designed to demonstrate *mastery* of the concept – usually faster paced, sometimes timed, different scoring, or no retries
- Challenge – the Challenge level of the game usually allows students to keep adding to their scores when they click “Play Again.” The score continues to increase during that one “sitting.” When a student quits the game, the score is recorded on the High Score Board if it is in the top twenty. This allows students to compete with others from around the world for the top twenty high scores in the world.

Q. Why does MusicLearningCommunity.com only go through Level 5?

A. There are two reasons:

1. The majority of music students world-wide are in the beginning through intermediate stages of development. These are the students MusicLearningCommunity.com wants to reach to help them gain the sight-reading and aural comprehension skills that will make them confident, independent learners and Lifetime Musicians. The greater a student's ability to learn new music quickly and easily, the greater the feeling of success, the less frustration and the longer the student will continue with lessons.
2. There are CD-ROM software packages that already do a great job with the theory and ear training requirements for more advanced students.

Q. Do you plan to add a level 6?

A. Yes, we plan to add more games to reinforce Level 6 concepts.

Q. What is the difference between the Teacher/Studio membership and Family membership?

A. The Teacher/Studio membership gives the teacher the license to create student log-ins for up to 50 students. Under the teacher's subscription, students may access MusicLearningCommunity.com at the studio and at home – or from any computer that connects to the Internet – with no software to buy and no additional license fees. In addition, the teacher has access to the Teacher Resource Center, curriculum guides, administrative features and regular community updates.

The Family membership is designed for a student who is not studying with a professional music teacher or whose teacher is not a member of MusicLearningCommunity.com. The license for a family membership grants access to the learning games for up to 5 family members.

Q. I played some trial games today and was wondering whether each game has multiple rounds or is it always the same set of questions?

A. Each game has multiple rounds: the Learn, Play and Quiz. Each round deals with the same music skill or concept. The Learn, Play and Quiz contain the same questions or exercises, but they are presented in a different order. Most of the games are designed to play randomly so that the exercises are always presented in a different order each time the student plays.

Q. Sometimes my students' scores don't show up. Does it take a certain amount of time for the scores to be recorded on the teacher's report page?

A. The scores show up immediately when the student finishes playing a game. The student must play the game all the way to the end. The score is passed to the database when the student reaches "The End" screen. If they stop part-way, the score is not reported! :->) That's the catch!

Q. I'm trying to enter a new student's name and I keep getting an Error 1062 saying that name is already being used. I don't have any other students by those names. Why is this happening?

A. The user name must be unique among our thousands of student and teacher users. If you're getting that message, it means that someone else in our community has already used that name. To make your students' user names unique try this: start with your three initials, then the student's first name and last initial. For example: cdhAndyK. If that name is already taken, try adding a 2 at the end: cdhAndyK2. For more tips go to "Instructions & Tips" in the Teacher Resource Center.

The password can be anything. In fact, you could use the same password for all of your students if you wish---just don't tell them! music, piano, bass, sharp---anything.

Q. My student played Music Darts 4 and he got the same exercise 3 times in a row. Why is this?

A. Most of the games present the exercises in a random order. Occasionally, the same exercise will come up 3 or 4 times in a row. It's all by chance. If that happens, the best thing to do is click the browser back arrow button and start the game again.

