Meet the Violin

The Violin Strings

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Welcome to the wonderful world of violin!

Let's begin with plucking!

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Learning the Bow Grip

Thumb slightly bent.
Fingers slightly apart.

Some teachers opt to place the thumb under the frog.

Pinky on top. Tilt towards the tip.

Fingers gently curved. Wrist straight.
Elbow off your side.

Now go back and play the first part of the book again with the bow.
To play our new note, place the first finger of your left hand down on the "D" string's first tape or mark.

Curve your fingers & use the tip of your pointer finger on the "D" string.

Relax your thumb.

Press firmly and play the "D" sting with your bow.

My First Finger E

The Fabulous Mr. Ed

Fun with D and E

Banana Split
Two NFingers©own

To play our new note, place the first and second fingers of your left hand down on the "D" string's first two tapes.
Curve your fingers & use your finger tips on the "D" string.
Relax your thumb.
Press firmly and play the "D" sting with your bow.

Second Finger "F#"

Two Fingers Down

Two or Nothing

Trucking Along

Playing It Right
Quarter notes get one beat of sound.
Whole notes get four beats of sound.

Quarter note rests get one beat of silence.

Half Notes Happen

Ups and Downs

Hot Cross Buns
When you see this time signature, you have four beats in each measure.

Mary Had A Little Lamb

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French Fries

Karate Chop
To play our new note, place the first, second and third fingers of your left hand down on the "D" string's first three tapes.

Curve your fingers & use your finger tips on the "D" string.

Relax your thumb.

Press firmly and play the "D" sting with your bow.

Give Me A "G"

G and D Song

Movin' On Up

Skipin' Town
Lightly Row

\[ \text{\Large Music Staff with notes and chords} \]
To play our new note, place the first finger of your left hand down on the "A" string's first tape or mark.

Curve your fingers & use the tip of your pointer finger on the "A" string.

Relax your thumb.

Press firmly and play the "A" string with your bow.

Better "B" Good

"A" vs. "B"

Song Without Letters
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Fun Work Name the notes.
Move the bow away from your body (to the right) for a DOWN bow.

Move the bow toward your body (to the left) for an UP bow.

Down and Up:

Love My Bow:

Bow Time:
When you come to a comma, LIFT and start with a new bow.
Jingle Bells

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Old MacDonald

A double bar with TWO DOTS at the end of the measure tell you to REPEAT the music.
London Bridge

A dotted half note gets three beats of sound.

Three Counts Each

Careful Counter
59 Hey, Diddle, Diddle

60 Cukoo Bird
To play our new note, place the first and second fingers of your left hand down on the "A" string's first two tapes.

Curve your fingers & use your finger tips on the "A" string.

Relax your thumb.

Press firmly and play the "A" string with your bow.

I See "C" Sharp

Hot Cross Buns on the "A" String

Climbing Up and Down
Jump Right In

We Can All Read!

Fun Work

Name the notes written on the staff below.
To play our new note, place the first, second and third fingers of your left hand down on the "A" string's first three tapes.

Curve your fingers & use your finger tips on the "A" string.

Relax your thumb.

Press firmly and play the "D" sting with your bow.
A "tie" is a curved line that connects two or more notes of the same pitch. Hold the note for the combined value of the notes.
Camptown Races

Fun Work  Draw the notes on the staff.

A - D - E - G - F# - B
To play our new note, raise your right elbow slightly and play your open "G" string (fattest string).

Open "G" is below the music staff.

It is the lowest sounding note on the violin.

My Low, Fat "G"

Grandma's Tune
Eighth Notes

One eighth note gets 1/2 count.
Two eighth notes get ONE count.
Dynamics

\(p\) Piano  Play with a soft volume.

\(f\) Forte  Play with a loud volume.

Cabbage Song

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A SLUR is a curved line that connects two notes of different pitches. Move your bow in the same direction for the slurred notes. Don't stop the bow. Use an equal amount of bow for each note in the slur.
Clowns of Paris

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\text{\Huge 87} \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
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\text{\Huge \boxed{2}} \quad \text{\Huge \boxed{3}} \\
\end{align*} \]
Matching Game

treble clef
quarter rest
down bow sign
music staff
lift your bow
quarter note
whole note
first finger down
4 beats per measure
half note
up bow sign
repeat sign