

Communications 1020-051

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## Piano Speech

Topic: How to play the piano

Audience Analysis: Some of the audience may have an interest in learning how to play an instrument. The piano is a basic instrument to learn to play.

General Purpose: To inform

Specific Purpose: To inform the audience about how to play the piano.

Thesis: To learn how to play the piano according to [www.true-piano-lessons.com](http://www.true-piano-lessons.com), you must learn your piano notes and keyboard numbers, your piano scales, your chords, and then you must learn to read music.

### Introduction

- I. Have you ever wanted to learn to play an instrument? (Attention) Well today I will be sharing some beginning steps for you to learn how to play the piano. (Preview Topic and Purpose). There are four simple steps to learn how to play. (Preview main points)
- II. I have played the piano for over 18 years, and my personal experience and two reputable websites will be the basis for the information I will share with you. (Credibility) You will find by following these simple steps you will learn how to play quickly, and can start enjoying this amazing instrument. (Motivate Audience To Accept Goals)

### Body

- I. First you must learn your piano notes and the corresponding numbers for them.
  - A. The basic piano notes are C, D, E, F, G, A, and B. These are the white keys.
  - B. The black keys are a variation of these notes depending on the key in which a piece of music was written. More specifically sharps and flats.
  - C. The numbers correspond to your fingers. Your thumb is number one and rests on the C note. As you play, most pieces will label which note to play with which finger to avoid getting your hands into a position where you cannot hit a specific note.
- II. Next you must learn to play your piano scales. According to [www.true-piano-lessons.com](http://www.true-piano-lessons.com). Piano scales lay the foundation for a pianist's keyboard skills and understanding of music.
  - A. One basic scale is your Major C Scale. Start with your thumb on the C note.
  - B. Play C, D, and E notes.
  - C. Move your thumb under your middle finger and then start again on F note, continuing to the next octave of C note. Again, fingering is important.
  - D. Continue learning the various scales and corresponding fingering for each scale.

III. After learning your scales you must learn your chords. Chords are a basic building block of music.

- A. According to [musictheoryblog.blogspot.com](http://musictheoryblog.blogspot.com) the major chords are major, minor, augmented, and diminished
- B. Chords are usually at least three notes played unison. A C major chord is the C note, E note, and G note all played together. There are many variations of chords that you can learn.

IV. Last you must learn to read music.

- A. I learned to read music by using a acronym for each of the lines and spaces of the Treble and Bass clef.
- B. For the Treble Clef spaces I remember Every good boy does fine for the lines. (EGBDF). For the spaces I remember the word face. (FACE)
- C. For the Bass Clef I remember Good boys do fine always for the lines. (GBDFA ) For the spaces, I remember All cows eat grass. (ACEG)

Conclusion

- I. In conclusion, you can see that by following these 4 basic steps you can quickly learn how to play the piano. (Signal I am concluding) Learning your notes, keyboard numbers, scales, chords, and then reading music are the basics for learning how to play the piano. (Summarize) With these steps you may all learn how to play the piano.
- II. You can all easily learn to play, and it is not only for the musically gifted. (Challenge audience). Music is a universal art, and once you learn the piano it will open the doors to learn other instruments as well. (End memorably)

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Presentation Aid:

Supporting Materials (Citations)

- 1. Graf, David. "True Piano Lessons." Wwww.true-piano-lessons.com. SBI. Web. 6 Aug. 2014.
- 2. Komponist. "Music Theory - Blogspot.com." Wwww.musictheoryblog.blogspot.com. Blogger. Web. 6 Aug. 2014.