

# Sight-Reading Checklist

- Did you stop? Did you sacrifice steady rhythm for the sake of trying to play all the notes correctly?
- Was your rhythm correct? As in, did you play all the correct note values as written?
- Did you briefly scan the piece before you played it to see the time signature, where to place your hands, what rhythms and notes are coming ahead, and what to expect in general?
- Did you tap the piece beforehand if the rhythm seemed challenging?
- Did you count out loud if needed?
- Did you correct any mistakes? (You should not correct mistakes in the middle of reading).
- Did the speed you chose work for you or against you? Were you going too fast?
- Did you look at your hands at all? How often? (You should avoid looking at your hands as much as possible).
- Did you actually go through this list?

## Reflection Questions

1. What was your greatest area(s) of difficulty on this list?

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2. What can you do to work on them in the future?

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3. Are you practicing sight-reading at all or are you always repeating the same songs you've been playing for a while?

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4. What's your ultimate sight-reading goal? What do you want to be able to read and/or play if you were an excellent sight-reader?

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