

Lesson plan 3

Welcome to the 3rd week using Solfeg.io! This week we will offer you a slight variation from last weeks plan. Get creative, try different combinations of singers and players, play to your students strengths and let them inspire each other!

GOAL Play with a steady pulse, playing together

ACHIEVING A STEADY PULSE

This can be challenging to achieve with every student in the 3rd week. An excellent idea is to use variations of the 2nd lesson plan to improve and hone these skills. Try these simple methods of improving pulse:

- Identify the most common rhythm and chord patterns in the song.
- Practice clapping basic and more complex rhythms using the metronome.
- Have chord playing groups speak the chord names, while the rhythm group keeps a pulse.
- Use group leaders or other students to keep steady rhythm with a drum while one group plays the chords.
- Use group leaders or strong players to demonstrate good pulse, while also encouraging the ones who are struggling! 10 mins.

INCLUDE INSTRUMENTS

Now it's time to try and put everything together, AGAIN! The more repetition of the chords and rhythms the better they will be playing together. Remember you can always remove, add, lower or raise the volume of the individual tracks in Solfeg.io!

- Choose one 4 chord progression from the song and have the students play it repeatedly.
- Depending on what instruments you are using, try layering the parts. Start with bass, add in the guitar, and then piano! If you have ukuleles throw them in the mix as well! You can do this in any order and it allows them to hear the way the different instruments contribute to the sound. Encourage one of your strong singers to start adding some lyrics while
- the class plays. Some might get confused but this trains their ears to listen to more than one instrument at a time. Full song playthroughs with singing and instruments. You can do this
- with the entire class, with smaller groups, or the students can start forming their own mini bands! Start getting them ready to perform the song for the class! 35 mins.

AFTER THE LESSON

Students now have enough knowledge to practice their part outside of the classroom. Have a short discussion about good practicing habits and how to use the pdf resources effectively. Double check again that every student has signed up!

Solfeg.io makes it easy to make music quickly! It gives you time to focus on your creativity in the classroom and to set very clear and simple goals for your students.