

Parents,

The Sound Habits keyboard curriculum we use is a Suzuki style program in which children learn to play by ear before written music is introduced, and parents and children learn together in a fun group setting.

Because the program is based on playing by ear, it is important that your child's pitch skills are ready. This test will help indicate if your child is ready.

Keep in mind that you're child's pitch development can improve from month to month and year to year. If you're child doesn't do well on the test today, feel free to try again next month. In our experience, some children who were not ready as kindergarteners have come back as first graders and have had great success.

You can now listen to the test. [Click here to listen*](#). Your child should answer same or different after each pair of patterns. Circle their answer below.

Be sure not to let them see this paper during the test, and not to give away an answer with your facial expression or body language!

1	Same	Different	Check if correct
2	Same	Different	
3	Same	Different	
4	Same	Different	
5	Same	Different	
6	Same	Different	
7	Same	Different	

If your child scored 6 or more correct, he or she is ready for keyboard!

If your child scored 5 or less correct, please try the test again later.

If you are going to try this test again at a later date, please wait at least a week to avoid having your child memorize the test.

Answer guide

1-Same; 2-Same; 3-Different; 4-Different; 5-Same; 6-Different; 7-Same

*You need to be on-line for this to work, and have quicktime installed on your computer. The web address for the listening examples is:

<http://www.themusicclass.com/musicStore/Detail.asp?itemID=1032&itemCategoryID=4>

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