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# Learn to Play Piano

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## **01. Introduction**

1. My name is Allison Ngo and I am 12 years old. I have been playing piano for about 4 years.
2. I am not an expert and certainly not a professional, but I can read music and i'm able to play piano.
3. My goals are to teach kids to enjoy playing piano and able to read and play simple music tunes.
4. I have been teaching piano for 2 years. I have played at Borders Book Store when I was nine years old for a fee. I played for one hour by myself for 2 different gigs. I played popular, country, motown hits and much more.
5. Why play piano? National Association for Music Education  
The benefits conveyed by music education can be grouped in four categories:
  - Success in society
  - Success in school
  - Success in developing intelligence
  - Success in life

## **02. About the Lessons**

## **03. History of Piano (including current famous pianists)**

## **04. Types of Pianos (Upright, Grand and Electronics)**

### **Vertical Pianos**

1. Spinet Piano - up to 38" in height and 58" wide. Spinet pianos are the smallest pianos made.  
Great for small spaces
  2. Console Piano - up to 43" in height and 58" wide. made in different styles and finishes
  3. Studio Piano - up to 48" in height and 58" wide. It is popular with piano teachers, professionals, and music schools because they are durable and the sound quality is very good.
  4. Upright Piano - up to 60" in height and 58" wide. They make very few of them these days.
- Horizontal Pianos

### **Grand Pianos**

1. Petite Grand - under 5 ft long
2. Baby Grand - under 5 and half feet long. Great for living rooms and more affordable than a concert grand
3. Medium Grand - under 5 ft and 7 inches long.
4. Parlor Grand - under 6 ft and good for living rooms
5. Ballroom Grand - 7 ft long and is one smaller than the concert grand
6. Concert Grand - 9 ft long. It has the finest tone and the best responsive action

### **Electronics**

1. Keyboard
2. Keyboard with weighted keys
3. Synthesizer

(PHOTO)

## **05. Sitting and Hand Positions**

1. Sit in an upright position.
2. Proper height for having arms and piano keys. Make sure your hands are slightly higher than your piano
3. Do not put your fingers pass the black notes.
4. Best to sit with cushion for comfort

(PHOTO)

## **06. Reading Music Notes**

## **07. The Middle C - Playing your first note**

**08.**

**09.**

## 10.

### 11. Piano Music Jokes

01. What has 88 keys but no locks? A piano
02. What do you get when you drop a piano on an army base? A flat major.
03. What do you call someone who hangs out with musicians? A drummer.
04. What's the difference between a soprano and a terrorist? You can negotiate with a terrorist.
05. What did the man say when he ate his audio CDs? "I have strange taste in music"
06. How many bass players does it take to change a light bulb? None; they can't get that high
07. Why are pianist's fingers like lightning? because they rarely strike the same place twice
08. You can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish- yes you can, you simply adjust the scales
09. Don't date a piano technician- he'll just string you along
10. What do you get when you drop a piano down a mine shaft? A flat minor.
11. Top three reasons not to play
  3. You would have to be tall enough to reach the brake pedals
  2. More than any other instrument, your rear end will fall asleep
  1. You only have to tune your piano once every nine months, but it costs 200 dollars.
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