

Doc Snow's Top Ten Practice Tips

Tip One: Practice for a reason! (Know what you're trying to do.)

Tip Two: Concentrate, at least as much as you need to!
(Listen to your self, and compare that to what you *want* to hear.)

Tip Three: Slow it down! (Put yourself in control of the tempo.)

Tip Four: Change it up! (You can change length, octave, or key, take out notes, and more.)

Tip Five: Get feedback! (Make sure you are getting it right—use tuner, metronome, computer, recordings, and teachers or friends.)

Tip Six: Let the errors go! (It won't be perfect ever, but it can still be beautiful music. Let it be real, and let it go by.)

Tip Seven: Keep thinking the music, even if you can't keep playing it! (Just hold on to the 'through-line'.)

Tip Eight: Keep it relaxed! (Music is beautiful when it flows, so don't hang it up with worry and stress. It's supposed to be fun!)

Tip Nine: Keep the tempo honest! (It's harder to do this than you might think, so check your tempo often!)

Tip Ten: Take care of your body! (It's the only one you've got, right? Music is good for you, but not if you do it wrong. So pay attention to how it feels to play or sing--if it hurts or causes weakness or tension, or just doesn't work well, change what you do!)

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