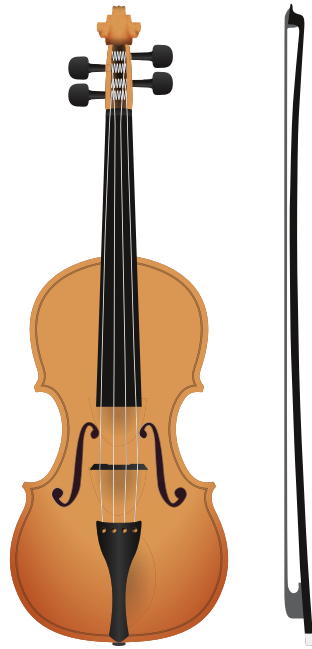


How to Sight Read for Violinists



- 1- Assess the key signature and play the scale either on your violin or if in an audition setting just identify the finger patterns and touch the notes on the fingerboard.
- 2- Do a rhythmic analysis by tapping the rhythm.
- 3- Look at the shape of the melody. Does it move in scales or jumps? Ascending or descending? Scan for accidentals, dynamics, etc...
- 4- Play the first line in your head.
- 5- Now play on the violin.

Memorize this list and practice your sight reading using this protocol until it becomes automatic. For more help and 9 progressive sight reading exercises for violin explore the Teacher's Toolkit available on the Music for Young Violinists website.