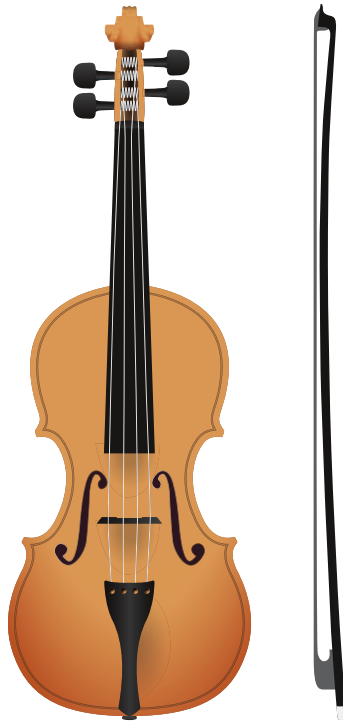


How to Sight Read for Violinists



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 skills using this protocol until it becomes automatic.

*If you are seeking violin specific sight-reading material for your students, you may be interested in the nine progressive sight reading exercises that are featured in **The Violin Teacher's Toolkit** available from Music for Young Violinists. [Click here to view the content in this collection of teaching material and learn more about this resource.](#)*