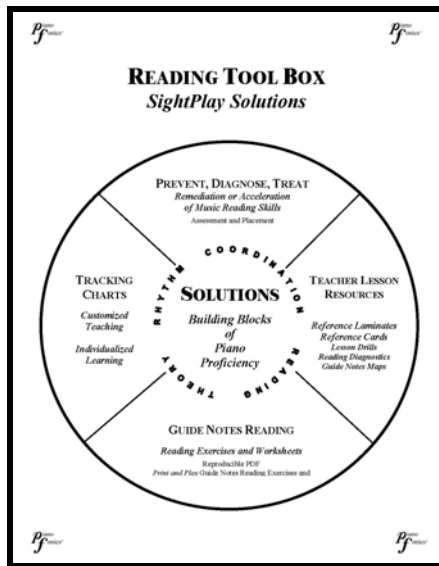


# READING TOOL BOX

## *SightPlay Solutions*

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- One reproducible PDF file with five sets of sequential four and eight measure *Print and Play* Guide Note reading exercises (40 pages / 143 exercises).
- One reproducible PDF file containing 34 *Print and Write* worksheets
- Eight Diagnostic Cards for Assessment and Placement
- 100 Teacher Reference Drill Cards  
*Keyboard Guide Notes Finger Drills*  
*Directional Interval Reading Drills*  
*Guide Note FlashPlay Drills*  
*Music Map Grand Staff Finger Drills*
- Four Teacher Reference Laminates and five *To the Teacher* Cards
- Teacher Preview Thumbnails of the reproducible student PDF files
- Student Curriculum Sheet and Teacher Tracking Charts
- Insertable Plastic 8-tab dividers for organization of materials in a 3-ring binder (binder not included)

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Music reading **Solutions** for music reading skill building with the **Reading Tool Box**, a piano teacher's best friend and supplement to the method book. Diagnose and remediate the struggling music reading student. Accelerate the natural reader. Prevent reading problems in the new student. This teacher tool box is filled with a variety of teaching tools to enhance music reading in all ages..... diagnostics, guide note drills, sequenced reading exercises, music maps, charts and worksheets. Flexibility and versatility are built-in components of a 'tool box' format. Reproduction privileges with a *Print and Play* design provide 'tailor-made' teaching opportunities. The teacher can recoup the cost of the initial investment of the tool box by charging a nominal fee to each student. A win-win \$\$\$ situation for both student and teacher!

The skill of reading is best developed through Guide Note Interval Reading....the five fingers are NOT in position....any finger can be on any note! Students learn to recognize specific guide notes (five C's, G-clef G's and F-clef F's), pay attention to finger numbers, and recognize 'where' on the piano keyboard the guide note is located, not just the name of the note! The sequential development of learning correct terminology and location of keyboard guide notes in coordination with directional interval reading lays the foundation for comprehension of music notation. When familiar *keyboard* guide notes progress into *grand staff* guide notes, directional interval reading from these guide notes is much more than note naming!

The freedom to customize the instructional approach promotes individualized student learning. As experienced teachers know, it is not enough for a student to quickly recognize notes on the staff. *The student must be able to translate written notation into an immediate and correct response at the keyboard*—beginning with the basics of up/down, right/left, high/low, seconds/thirds, correct octave, etc. A disconnect between the eye and the hands is the basis of countless reading problems. On the other hand, the teacher can easily provide the 'natural' reader with a variety of reading opportunities to be sure that double clefs, crossing hands and other notation challenges are not overlooked. Once a student's comfort level with reading and playing basic elements has been established, the teacher can apply appropriate teaching strategies for remediation or acceleration and monitor students' reading progress at each weekly lesson. As the *SightPlay* sequence progresses, students develop skill in reading, playing, and naming in all octaves and intervals. Five minutes per lesson can do reading wonders. Students will soon read music for the joy of it!

The ***SightPlay Solutions Reading Tool Box*** contains 100 ***Teacher Cards*** for in-lesson drill of fundamental concepts: 1) Guide Note Keyboard Finger Drills, 2) Directional Interval Reading Staff Drills, 3) Music Map Grand Staff Finger Drills, and 4) Guide Note FlashPlay Drills in four sequential sets. The ***Teacher Preview Thumbnails*** of the 143 reproducible *SightPlay* reading exercises are organized in insertable plastic 8-tab dividers. Teachers may choose how to use their student reading exercise PDF files: 1) Reproduce a set(s) for students; 2) Use as in-lesson, *unpracticed* *SightPlay* weekly reading 'spot checks' of HOW students are processing music notation, or 3) *Print and Play* a selected set of reading exercises as student need arises. File reference copies of exercises and worksheets in a 3-ring binder in the insertable dividers included in the tool box. Each student should have a 3-ring Tool Box binder to keep their worksheets, reading exercises and handouts neatly in one place. ***To the Teacher*** cards outline instructional objectives and concept development for each set. The four ***Teacher Reference Laminates*** are designed for frequent use.

A reproducible ***Student Curriculum Sheet*** is included in the Reading Tool Box. This sheet, listing each element contained in a given set, is for students to keep in their 3-ring Tool Box binder. The teacher checks which elements are to be included in their individualized reading program and dates them when completed. The double-sided reproducible ***Teacher Tracking Chart*** has room to list 30 students per side. This user-friendly chart not only gives the teacher a ready reference of the tool box content but also monitors student progress in the process of developing reading skills with the ***SightPlay Solutions Reading Tool Box***.