

# Recorder Songs: Motivation and Enjoyment

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# Main Advantages of Mandatory Recorder Lessons in Primary School

- The students have an opportunity to play and enjoy musical activity
- Playing in a large group gives the children a sense of confidence and joy and increases their motivation to practice

# Main Challenges in Mandatory Recorder Lessons

- In a short time there are gaps between children's abilities
- Difficulties can reduce the motivation to play and practice
- For some children the teaching process is too fast and for others its too slow

# Recorder Songs:

## Motivation and Enjoyment

- The teaching process is more enjoyable and effective
- The children play better and practice more
- From the beginning they feel that they are “really playing”

# The Songs Highlight Different Elements

- Each song addresses specific needs in the teaching process
- **The Train Song** – introduces five left hand tones
  - <https://youtu.be/YwXI8gF3ALA>
- **First Tones** – practices five left hand tones and includes a segment for improvisation
- **On The Tractor** – practices high and low tones
- **The Young Shepherd** – practices C major scale
  - <https://youtu.be/tnVhTkve1Vo>
- **On The Mountain** – practices playing two voices

# How the Recorder Songs combine in The Teaching process

- As soon as I teach the notes Ti and La, I play from YouTube the first and second verses of “The Train Song”
- I gradually add the other verses
- Once they are familiar with “The Train Song” I add more songs according to their difficulty level
- Sometimes I open the lesson with the songs and sometimes I conclude the lesson with a song

# Different Ways To Use The Songs

- Playing part of the song at the beginning
- Playing difficult parts in silent playing (only fingering)
- Improvise on some parts of the songs
- Each student plays as much as he can
- The songs are suitable for different events

# Summary and Conclusions

- The recorder songs combine in the teaching process
- They increase the motivation to play
- They help bridge gaps in level of playing among the children
- The songs are suitable for teaching large groups of students (15-18)
- They add fun and joy to the teaching process



# Thank You for Listening

