

APPENDIX

Exercise: What Is It Like to Sight-Sing with a Learning Difference?

First, find a judge to time you and grade your performance. The judge will give you 30 seconds to learn the melody below. After 30 seconds, you must perform the song for the judge, who will pass or fail you based on the following criteria:

1. Correct pitches
2. Correct rhythm
3. Correct syllables, using the following South Indian *swara*:

~~Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti~~
Sa Ri Ga Na Pa Dha Ni

4. Correct conducting pattern, using your left arm as follows:
1 (Top of Head), 2 (Right Shoulder), 3 (Nose), 4 (Left Knee)

Here is your melody. It's not hard, so if you can't do it in 30 seconds you are either not working hard enough or there may be something wrong with your brain. But don't feel pressured. **GO!**



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