

Piano Learning Center Treasure Hunt

Find out what you know and learn some new things about pianos. All the answers to the items on the treasure hunt can be found at www.ptg.org/learningcenter. Good luck!



Question	Answer
1. Click on “History of Pianos.” An Italian named Bartolomeo Cristifori is considered to be the father of the modern piano. How many of his original instruments are still in existence?	
2. Click on “See How A Piano Works.” Watch how the key moves the hammer to hit the string. What is the purpose of a piano action?	
3. A piano action has five to ten thousand moving parts depending the style of piano. What is it that you do to activate the action?	
4. Click on ”Piano Care” and find <i>Basic Rules of Piano Care</i> . Why is it important to keep your piano in tune?	
5. You piano works best in an area where the temperature and humidity stay pretty much the same most of the time. What things might cause the temperature or humidity to change?	
6. If your piano hasn’t been tuned in a while, it might need a pitch raise. What two things are the primary reason a piano might need a pitch raise?	
7. In the “Piano Care” area, look at the two pictures of a piano hammer. What is the difference between the well-shaped piano hammer and the worn piano hammer? What happens when the hammers on a piano get worn out?	
8. In the “Piano Care” area, find the <i>Finish Care Steps</i> and read through them. Which of the 11 steps could you do to protect the piano you use?	
9. Click on “Benefits of Learning to Play.” Studies have found that learning to play music enhances the brain function needed for what four subjects or activities?	
10. Where can you find out more about the benefits of learning to play music?	
11. Play Piano Parts Concentration in the “Just For Fun” area. What was your fastest score?	
12. Play Piano Hangman. Did you guess the word before you ran out of chances? What was your word?	
13. Click on “Worksheets & Activities.” Which of these activities would be good for elementary age children?	
14. Where would you go to find the name of a professional piano technician?	
15. Where would you go to find the name of a professional music teacher?	
16. In the “Lesson Plans” area, there are some lessons based on books. What are two of the books used there?	
17. In the “Buying A Piano” area, read about the first step towards purchasing a piano. Why is it important to hear a variety of pianos?	
18. Read the answer to the question “How can I tell if a used piano is in good condition?” What might be the cause of strange rattles or buzzes?	
19. In the “Buying A Piano” area, read about the differences between an acoustic and a digital piano. How does an acoustic piano make its sound? How does a digital piano make its sound?	
20. Click on “Become A Piano Technician.” What is the name of the credential a professional piano technician can earn from the Piano Technicians Guild?	

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1. Click on “History of Pianos.” An Italian named Bartolomeo Cristofori is considered to be the father of the modern piano. How many of his original instruments are still in existence?	Two
2. Click on “See How A Piano Works.” Watch how the key moves the hammer to hit the string. What is the purpose of a piano action?	The purpose of the piano action as a whole is to accurately translate every nuance of the player's finger and hand movements into a musical note that reflects the exact intentions of the player
3. A piano action has five to ten thousand moving parts depending the style of piano. What is it that you do to activate the action?	Press on a key
4. Click on ”Piano Care” and find <i>Basic Rules of Piano Care</i> . Why is it important to keep your piano in tune?	Your piano will sound its best and give you and your family the most pleasure when it is tuned regularly and kept in proper playing condition.
5. Your piano works best in an area where the temperature and humidity stay pretty much the same most of the time. What things might cause the temperature or humidity to change?	A heating register in winter, an air conditioning vent in the summer, a fireplace, a frequently opened window or outside door, and direct sunlight
6. If your piano hasn’t been tuned in a while, it might need a pitch raise. What two things are the primary reason a piano might need a pitch raise?	The initial stretching and settling of strings when the piano is new, and soundboard movement due to humidity changes
7. In the “Piano Care” area, look at the two pictures of a piano hammer. What is the difference between the well-shaped piano hammer and the worn piano hammer? What happens when the hammers on a piano get worn out?	The worn hammer has cuts in the top from the piano string. This could cause a harsh tone.
8. In the “Piano Care” area, find the <i>Finish Care Steps</i> and read through them. Which of the 11 steps could you follow to protect the piano you use?	Student choice
9. Click on “Benefits of Learning to Play.” Studies have found that learning to play music enhances the brain function needed for what four subjects or activities?	mathematics, chess, science, and engineering
10. Where can you find out more about the benefits of learning to play music?	The American Music Conference (www.amc-music.org)
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13. Click on “Worksheets & Activities.” Which of these activities would be good for elementary age children?	Word search, Test Your Piano IQ, Coloring Pages
14. Where would you go to find the name of a professional piano technician?	Click on Find A Registered Technician (link to PTG site)
15. Where would you go to find the name of a professional music teacher?	Click on Find A Piano Teacher (link to MTNA site)
16. In the “Lesson Plans” area, there are some lessons based on books. What are two of the books used there?	<i>Henry the Steinway and the Piano Recital</i> and <i>The Music Box: The Story of Cristofori</i>
17. In the “Buying A Piano” area, read about the first step towards purchasing a piano. Why is it important to hear a variety of pianos?	Musically, you need to select a piano that has the key <i>touch</i> and musical <i>tone</i> that you like.
18. Read the answer to the question “How can I tell if a used piano is in good condition?” What might be the cause of strange rattles or buzzes?	Loose ribs in the soundboard, loose bridges, loose pins
19. In the “Buying A Piano” area, read about the differences between an acoustic and a digital piano. How does an acoustic piano make its sound? How does a digital piano make its sound?	An acoustic piano makes its sound from the vibration of strings. A digital piano reproduces recorded sounds through speakers or headphones.
20. Click on “Become A Piano Technician.” What is the name of the credential a professional piano technician can earn from the Piano Technicians Guild?	Registered Piano Technician