



Test Your Piano IQ

Circle *True* or *False* for each item. The answers are on the bottom of the page.

1. A piano has more than two hundred strings.
True *False*
2. Bartolomeo Cristofori built the first piano.
True *False*
3. A piano has 52 keys.
True *False*
4. Mozart wrote a piano piece that required the player to use both hands and their nose to hit all the correct notes.
True *False*
5. More homes have pianos than any other musical instrument.
True *False*
6. Types of pianos include grands and organs.
True *False*
7. When you press down on a piano key, it makes a sound by plucking a string.
True *False*
8. Over two million people begin music lessons each year.
True *False*
9. It's a good idea to put a vase of fresh flowers on top of your piano.
True *False*
10. Schroeder's (a character in the *Peanuts* comic strip) favorite composer is Beethoven.
True *False*

1. *True* 2. *True* 3. *False*. It has 88 keys (52 white & 36 black), 4. *True* 5. *True* 6. *False*. Types include grands and uprights (verticals), 7. *False*. Pressing a key causes a hammer to hit the strings, 8. *True* 9. *False*. Water spilled from the vase could damage both the outside and inside of the piano. 10. *True*

Healthy Piano Checklist

Do you take good care of your piano? If you do each of the things below, make a check mark in the box next to it. If you have any boxes unchecked, think about what you can do to improve piano care.

- I keep my piano in tune.** *The company that made your piano probably recommends 1-2 times per year. When a piano technician comes to tune your piano, he or she can also check to make sure all the parts are working correctly.*
- I keep my piano clean.** *Keep the keyboard covered when you are not playing and taking good care of the outside of the piano.*
- I keep my piano in a place where the temperature and humidity are fairly consistent.** *Find a place away from heating registers, air conditioning vents, fireplaces, frequently opened windows, outside doors and direct sunlight. Constant changes in temperature and humidity are hard on the many parts of your piano.*
- I play my piano regularly.** *You'll give moving parts the exercise they need and also notice sooner if there is a problem that needs fixing.*
- I keep all drinks and liquids away from my piano.** *Spills can be very damaging to both the inside and the outside of your piano.*
- I call a professional piano technician when my piano needs tuning and repairs.** *A professional can find the problem quicker and fix it the right way. Contact the Piano Technicians Guild (www.ptg.org) to find the name of a Registered Piano Technician (RPT) in your area.*
- I use a professional piano mover if my piano needs to be moved.** *Avoid injury to yourself and injury to your piano when you use a qualified mover.*

Did you check all the boxes? Good job. You have a very lucky piano!