

## How to Use Sight Reading Factory

### A Guide for 5th Grade Band

*Sight Reading Factory is a fun way to become a better music reader. You can find your instrument's user ID on [bandkatz.weebly.com](http://bandkatz.weebly.com) by going to the **MUSICIANSHIP** page. Here are some directions to help you use Sight Reading Factory after you log in. Remember... if you don't know the password, just ask me. It's easy to memorize.*

To practice reading rhythms (clapping and counting):

1. Click **Sight Read**
2. Choose **Rhythm Only**
3. Choose a level. Start with **Rhythm Only 1**
4. Choose a time signature. Start with **4/4**
5. Click the **START** button under **Regular Practice Mode**
6. Try clapping and counting it.
7. You can also listen to a recording of it by clicking on the Play arrow.

If you want, you can click the notes at the top right to turn off the rhythm player. Then the Play arrow will just start a metronome to help you feel the beat while you clap and count. To slow the beat down or speed it up, change the number in the **TEMPO** box. Lower numbers are slower, higher numbers are faster.

*There is also a **Timed Practice Mode**. If you choose this, you will have a certain amount of time to study the music. Then a metronome will tap the beat for you. After the 4th tap, start clapping and counting. Your performance will be recorded so you can listen to yourself and see how you did!*

To practice reading melodies on your instrument:

8. Click **Sight Read**
9. Find your instrument on the list
10. Choose a level. Start with **Playing 1**
11. Choose a time signature. Start with **4/4**
12. Choose a key signature. For now use these:
  - a. Flutes, Mallets, Trombones, Euphoniums - Bb Major
  - b. Clarinets, Trumpets, French Horns - C Major
13. Click the **START** button under **Regular Practice Mode**
14. Try playing what you see.
15. You can also listen to a recording of it by clicking on the Play arrow.

**HAVE FUN!!!!**