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If you are unsure of your child's readiness to start music lessons, please use the activities below to help you assess their current abilities.

- 1. Can they color in the lines on a simple picture (fine motor skills, attention to detail)
- 2. Can they read a simple story book or basic words? (reading, eye scan, following written directions)
- 3. Can they sing the words and melody to a familiar song (pitch recognition, aural abilities, folk tune familiarity)
- 4. If you sing 3 pitches (notes), can they mimic (listening, following, ear-training)
- 5. Can they skip or gallop around the room (large motor skills, coordination)
- 6. Are they able to match a 3-note series that you play on a keyboard (memorization, keyboard geography/ landmarks)
- 7. Are they able to echo clap back to you a simple 1-2 measure rhythm? (pulse recognition, steadiness, memorization, counting awareness)
- 8. What is their interest level? Do they show excitement for musical activities, are they attentive and receptive to learning a new concept?
- 9. Assess their overall attention span. Are they able to sit for a period of time?
- 10. Lastly, consider parental support level and child's personality.

These are important factors for success in music lessons.

