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# Don't just practice more; practice smarter.

This month's Grab N Go comes from Barron Ryan's piano practice schedule. Use the blank practice schedule below as a tool to help increase skills that you, or those in your classroom, might want to practice.

For example, in a blog post from 2015, Leanne Riordan shared ways that she utilized line-by-line readings to increase the accuracy and fluency of reading for her second-grade English language learners.<sup>1</sup> For such a practice, you could use the schedule below to track reading errors, or progression, rather than time spent, for students working on increasing reading fluency. Each day, you could record how many lines a student could read without making an error, to show progress over a weekly period.

Another example would be for use in developing your own teaching skills and style. Using the example of "Practice on an Island" featured on the blog in fall 2017<sup>2</sup>, teachers looking to chart their own practice, or intentionally set aside time for work with some of the online modules you can find via our Plug and Plays<sup>3</sup>, can use the weekly practice schedule to plan and set aside practice time.

However you use it, setting yourself up to practice smart is the first step to developing skills.

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<sup>1</sup> Find Leanne's blog post at:

<http://teachlikeachampion.com/blog/coaching-and-practice/practice-reading-guest-post-leanne-riordan/>

<sup>2</sup> Practice on an Island:

<http://teachlikeachampion.com/blog/teaching-and-schools/practice-on-an-island/>

<sup>3</sup> Plug and Plays: <http://teachlikeachampion.com/training/plug-and-plays/>

# Customizable weekly practice schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Skill 1						
Skill 2						
Skill 3						
Skill 4						
Skill 5						
Skill 6						
Skill 7						
Skill 8						
Total Time/ Skill						