

### **Midlands Teacher Training – Games Session 1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvqSrJi1ckQ&feature=youtu.be>

*Energetic / calming / analytical / social skills / parents / listening / rhythm / pitch / repetitions / posture / bow hold / building confidence / memory*

1. Actions game – matching actions to sounds and pieces
2. Walking around – when the music stops/changes...bow hold/violin posture/feet etc.
3. Don't clap this one / Don't copy this one
4. Thumbs up / thumbs down for teacher's posture, bow hold, intonation etc.
5. Spot the mistakes in the teacher's playing of familiar Suzuki pieces
6. Guessing game – each person is muted and you guess which rhythm/piece they are playing
7. A different leader – giving a (usually more advanced for online lessons) child in the group the opportunity to lead a piece
8. Getting ready during introductions
9. 3 and 4 beats in a bar clapping
10. Silly twinkles – playing with actions, missing out all the Es etc.
11. Balance a sweetie on the violin/back of the bow hand etc.
12. Hide the bow – parent hides the bow in the room...child finds the bow while the music plays (simplified version of find the rosin for online lessons)

Other ideas for online lessons:

- showing videos of violinists/orchestras/cartoons which use classical music
- asking each child to bring something to show (pet, toy etc.)
- teacher using toys, props and signs