

How you practice is more important than how long you practice. Here are some tips for practicing:

1. Slow it down: don't play it any faster than you can finger or articulate. Increase your tempo gradually.
2. Figure out the form of the music:
  1. What's alike?
  2. What's similar?
  3. What's different?
3. Work on the parts you can NOT play (not just the parts you CAN play)
4. Don't always start at the beginning. Start in the middle or end, it will help you master the whole song.
5. Keep a steady beat. You can download a metronome app to help you with this.
6. Clap the rhythms on rhythm syllables to help you figure out how to play the rhythm of the song.
7. Sing the song on letter names or on solfa.
8. Sing the song on letter names while fingering the notes.