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INTRODUCTION

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学習と指導の目標

指導上の4つの要点

1. 子どもに、できるだけ毎日レコードを聞かせることによって音楽的感覚を向上させる。それは同時によりはよい進歩をうながす。
2. トナリゼーション、つまり美しい音の指導を、教室や家庭においてかならず行なわれなければならない。
3. 不断の注意によって、正しい音程、正しい姿勢、正しい弓の持ち方ができるように。
4. 親も先生も、子どもが家庭でたのしくしっかり練習するように努力する。

以上の4つのポイントを徹底して行なうことによって、どの子どもも音楽的才能がよく育つことを、私は30年にわたる教育の経験からはっきりと確信するようになりました。

音楽の才能は生まれつきのものではなく、育てられるものなのです。それはちょうど、日本の子どもがだれでも日本語を話し、世界中の子どもが、みなそれぞれの母国語をじょうずに話しているのと同じように、音楽もその育て方にしがつて、どの子どもにも育てられる能力であり、聞けばよく育ちます。

どうぞ子どものしあわせのために、この4つのポイントが、家庭や教室において十分成功するように指導を行なってください。

Four Essential Points for Teachers and Parents

1. Children should listen to the reference recordings every day at home to develop musical sensitivity. Rapid progress depends on this listening.
2. Tonalization, or the production of a beautiful tone, should be stressed in the lesson and at home.
3. Constant attention should be given to accurate intonation, correct posture, and the proper bow hold.
4. Parents and teachers should strive to motivate children so they will enjoy practicing correctly at home.

Through the experience I have gained in teaching young children for over thirty years, I am thoroughly convinced that musical ability can be fully cultivated in all children if the above four points are faithfully observed.

Musical ability is not an inborn talent but an ability that can be developed. All children who are properly trained can develop musical ability just as all children develop the ability to speak their mother tongue. For the happiness of children, I hope these four essential points will be carefully observed and put to continual use in the home and in the studio.

Shinichi Suzuki

The D-string Posture is fundamental and should be completely mastered.

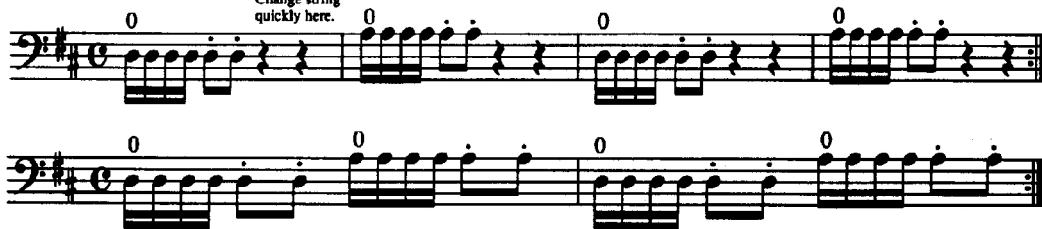
Exercises for Proper D-String Posture

Use a short bow stroke.

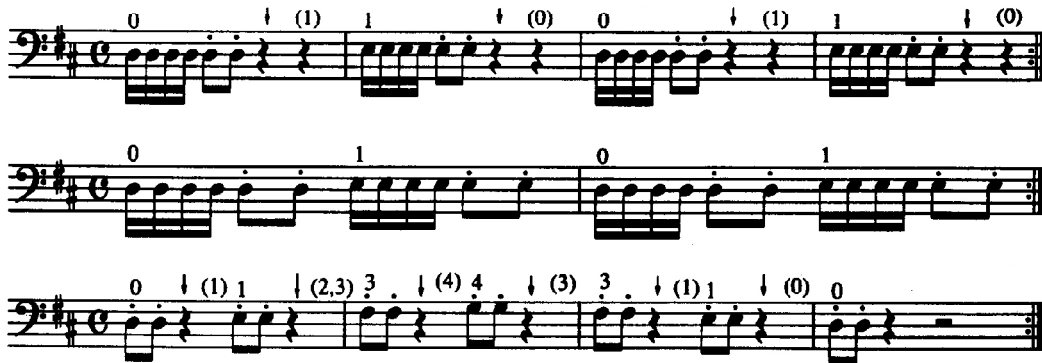


Exercises for Changing Strings

Change string quickly here.



Exercises for Quick Placement of Fingers



Place fingers 1,2,3,4 quickly and accurately during the rests.



When playing the 4th finger, keep all four fingers down on the string.

The First Position

The purpose of the following exercises is to play the notes accurately.
Press the string with the tip of finger.

D String A String

- a) Play the 4th finger, keeping the 1st, 2nd and 3rd fingers down on the string.
While playing the 4th finger, think and prepare for the next position of your finger.
Repeat on the A string.
- b) For half a year, at least, continue the practice of stopping the bow on the string after each note to get a clear sound.

A String

D Major Scale

While playing the upper half of the scale, the 1st and the 3rd fingers should remain on the string.
When you place the 3rd finger, place the 2nd down with it.

Important Instructions for Practice:

The fingering 0 4 requires very careful practice. Stop the bow after you play open A, and be sure to place the first, second, third, and fourth fingers in the proper position on the D string before you continue to play.

1 Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Variations

To play  stop the bow without pressure after each note.

Bow  smoothly.

S. Suzuki

A



The musical score is written in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of six staves of music, each containing four measures. The piece is marked with a '1' at the beginning of the first staff. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 0-4 above the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Staff 1: Measure 1 (0), Measure 2 (0), Measure 3 (1), Measure 4 (0)

Staff 2: Measure 1 (4), Measure 2 (3), Measure 3 (1), Measure 4 (0)

Staff 3: Measure 1 (5), Measure 2 (4), Measure 3 (3), Measure 4 (1)

Staff 4: Measure 1 (7), Measure 2 (4), Measure 3 (3), Measure 4 (1)

Staff 5: Measure 1 (9), Measure 2 (0), Measure 3 (1), Measure 4 (0)

Staff 6: Measure 1 (4), Measure 2 (3), Measure 3 (1), Measure 4 (0)

B

C

D

Theme

f marcato

2 French Folk Song

To develop the practice of tonalization

Moderato

Folk Song

1 *mf*

6

11

16

0 V

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music for 'French Folk Song'. It consists of four staves of music in bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff starts with a measure number '1' and a dynamic marking '*mf*'. Above the first staff, the tempo 'Moderato' is indicated. Above the second staff, the tempo 'Folk Song' is indicated. The music features various fingerings (1, 3, 4, 0) and a trill (V) in the final measure of the fourth staff.

3 Lightly Row

Moderato

Folk Song

1 *mf*

5

9

13

3

Keep the 3rd finger down.

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music for 'Lightly Row'. It consists of four staves of music in bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff starts with a measure number '1' and a dynamic marking '*mf*'. Above the first staff, the tempo 'Moderato' is indicated. Above the second staff, the tempo 'Folk Song' is indicated. The music features various fingerings (1, 3, 4, 0) and a trill (V) in the first measure of the second staff. A bracket with the number '3' spans measures 5-7, with the instruction 'Keep the 3rd finger down.' written below it. Another bracket with the number '3' spans measures 9-11, and a third bracket with the number '3' spans measures 13-15.

4 Song of the Wind

Moderato Folk Song

The musical score for 'Song of the Wind' is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The score consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 1, 0, 1, 3, 4, 0, 1, 4, 4, 1, 0. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first staff. A bracket under the first staff is labeled 'Keep the 1st finger down.' The second staff starts with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 1, 4, 4, 1, 0, 0, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1. The third staff starts with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 0, 3, 0, 0, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1, 0. The piece ends with a double bar line.

5 Go Tell Aunt Rhody

Moderato Folk Song

The musical score for 'Go Tell Aunt Rhody' is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The score consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 1, 3, 1, 0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 4, 3, 1, 0, 1, 3, 0. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first staff. The second staff starts with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 3, 4, 0, 1, 0, 4, 3, 3, 4, 0, 1, 0. The third staff starts with a measure rest, followed by notes with fingerings 3, 1, 0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 4, 3, 1, 0, 1, 3, 0. The piece ends with a double bar line.

6 O Come, Little Children

Folk Song

Andante

Tonalization

This should be taught at each lesson.

Pluck the open string and listen to the sound of the vibrating string.

pizz.

Play tones with the same resonance with the bow.

arco

Questions teachers and parents must ask every day :

Are the pupils listening to the reference record at home every day ?

Has the tone improved ?

Is the intonation correct ?

Has the proper playing posture been acquired ?

Is the bow being held correctly ?

7 May Song

Allegro moderato

Folk Song

f

mf *p*

f (2nd time) poco rit.

8 Allegro

S. Suzuki

f

f

dolce *rit.*

a tempo *f*

9 Perpetual Motion in D Major

Play this piece at the middle of the bow using a very short stroke.
Stop the bow after each note.
Play slowly at first and then gradually speed up the tempo.

S. Suzuki

Allegro

A

mf

Variation

After A, play B.

B

Procedure for practice:

etc.

Transpose all previous pieces to the key of G Major in preparation for "Long, Long Ago."

Tonalization

This should be taught at each lesson. Pupils should always strive for a more beautiful and resonant tone.

1 

2 

3 

* Listen for ringing sound.

G Major Scale



Perpetual Motion in G Major

Allegro S. Suzuki

A 



Variation

B 

10 Long, Long Ago

T. H. Bayly

Moderato

mf

f

mp

mf

11 Allegretto

S. Suzuki

mf

rit.

mf *a tempo*

12 Andantino

S. Suzuki

1 *mf*

5

9 *f* *rit.*

13 *mf* *a tempo* *rit.* *meno mosso*

Second-Finger Training (Preparatory Exercise for "Rigadoon")

* Lift third & fourth fingers together

13 Rigadoon

H. Purcell

Allegro

The musical score for '13 Rigadoon' is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight measures of music, each with specific fingerings and dynamics indicated.

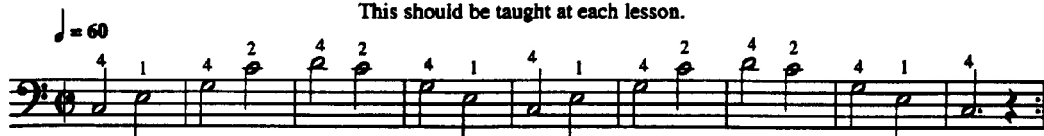
- Measure 1:** Starts with a treble clef, then a bass clef. Notes: F#4 (finger 1), G4 (finger 4), A4 (finger 3), B4 (finger 1), C5 (finger 0), D5 (finger 1), E5 (finger 3), F#5 (finger 0), G5 (finger 4), A5 (finger 0).
- Measure 2:** Notes: B4 (finger 5), A4 (finger 4), G4 (finger 3), F#4 (finger 1), E4 (finger 0), D4 (finger 1), C4 (finger 3), B3 (finger 0), A3 (finger 4), G3 (finger 0).
- Measure 3:** Notes: F#4 (finger 1), G4 (finger 2*), A4 (finger 4), B4 (finger 2*), C5 (finger 1), D5 (finger 0), E5 (finger 0), F#5 (finger 4), G5 (finger 0), A5 (finger 1).
- Measure 4:** Notes: B4 (finger 1), A4 (finger 2*), G4 (finger 4), F#4 (finger 2*), E4 (finger 1), D4 (finger 0), C4 (finger 0), B3 (finger 1), A3 (finger 3), G3 (finger 4).
- Measure 5:** Notes: F#4 (finger 0), G4 (finger 1), A4 (finger 2*), B4 (finger 1), C5 (finger 4), D5 (finger 0), E5 (finger 0), F#5 (finger 1), G5 (finger 2), A5 (finger 1), B5 (finger 0), C6 (finger 1), D6 (finger 4).
- Measure 6:** Notes: E5 (finger 0), D5 (finger 1), C5 (finger 2), B4 (finger 1), A4 (finger 0), G4 (finger 4), F#4 (finger 1), E4 (finger 1), D4 (finger 3), C4 (finger 4).
- Measure 7:** Notes: B3 (finger 4), A3 (finger 3), G3 (finger 1), F#3 (finger 0), E3 (finger 0), D3 (finger 1), C3 (finger 3), B2 (finger 0), A2 (finger 4), G2 (finger 0).
- Measure 8:** Notes: F#3 (finger 4), G3 (finger 3), A3 (finger 1), B3 (finger 0), C4 (finger 0), D4 (finger 1), E4 (finger 3), F#4 (finger 0), G4 (finger 4), A4 (finger 0).

Dynamics: *mf* (measures 1, 2, 5), *f* (measures 3, 4, 7, 8).

* See P. 17, second finger training, for preparatory exercise using 2nd finger.

Tonalization

This should be taught at each lesson.



C Major Scale

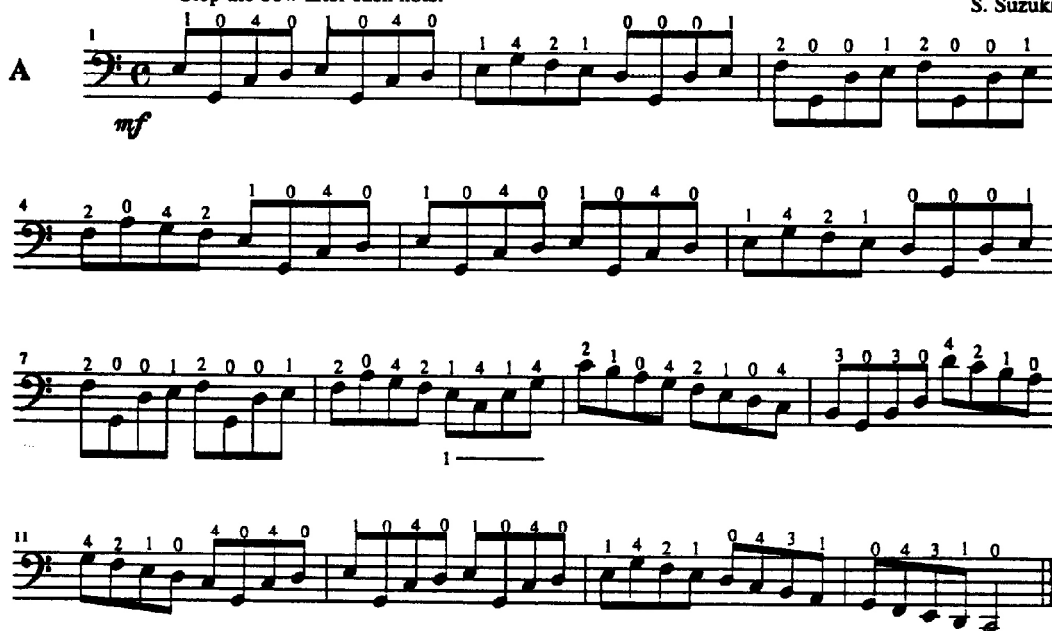
(Two Octaves)



14 Etude

Stop the bow after each note.

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Variation



15 The Happy Farmer

Allegro giocoso

R. Schumann

16 Minuet in C

Grazioso

J. S. Bach

(2nd time) poco rit.

17 Minuet No. 2

J. S. Bach

1 *f*

5

9 *f*

13

17 *p* *mf*

21

25 *f*

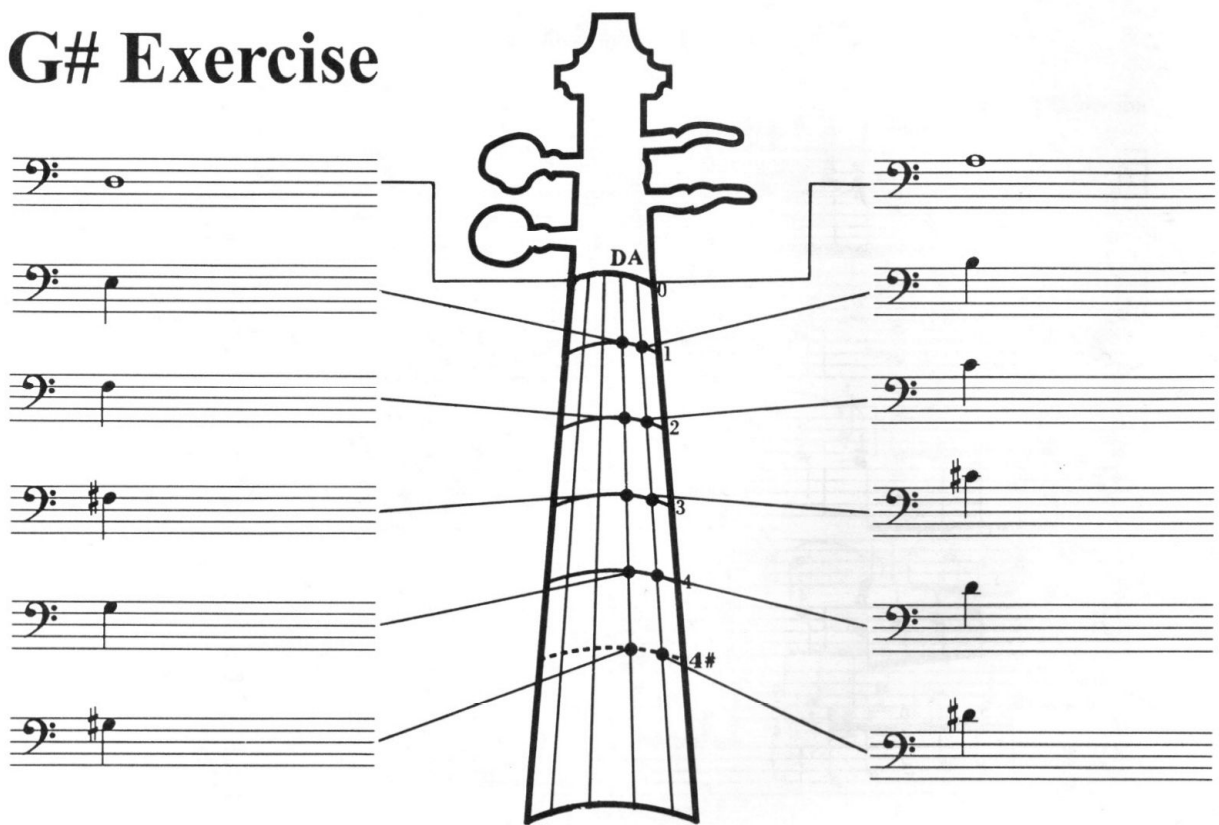
29 *p*

33 *f*

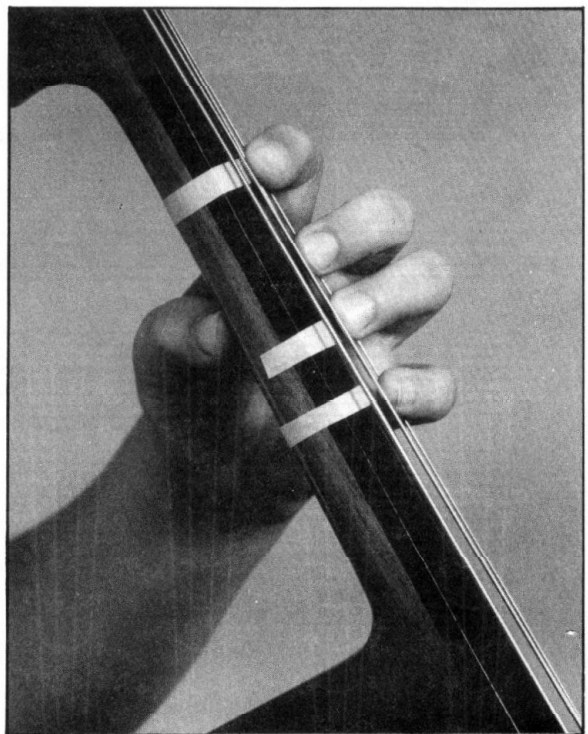
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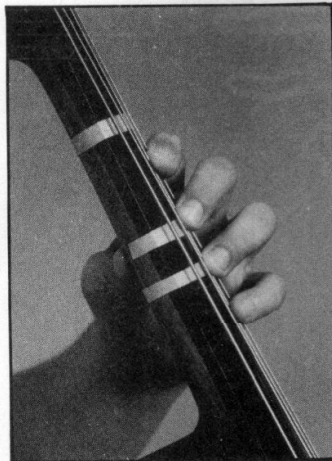
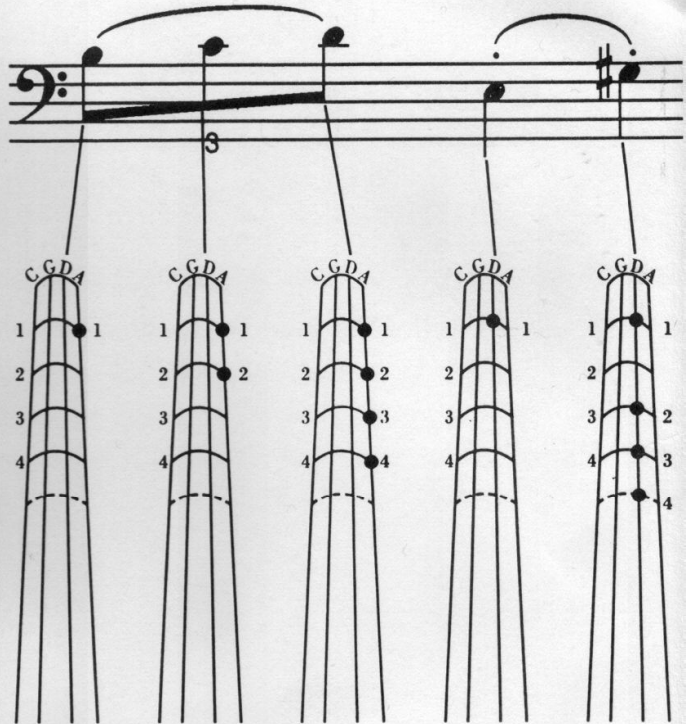
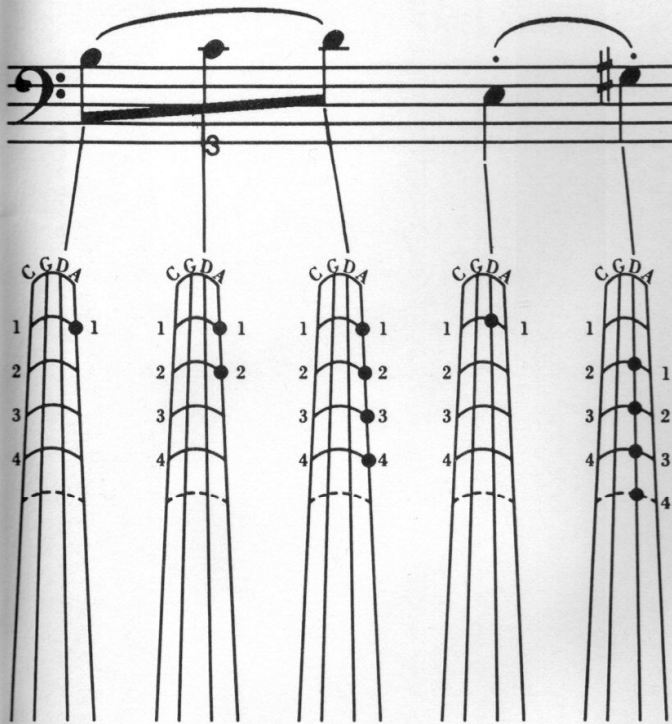
*  Before playing this piece see diagrams and pictures on pages 22 & 23.

G# Exercise



Closed First Position

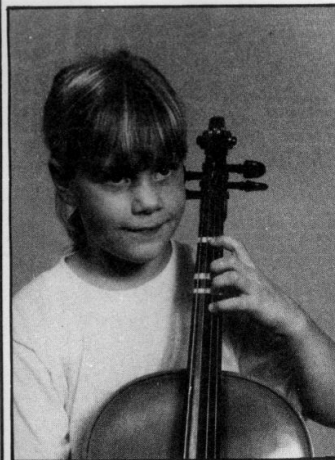




Shift

Explanation

Move all fingers and thumb one-half step higher. (Keep thumb under 2).



Extension

Explanation

Move 2, 3, 4 and thumb one-half step higher. (Keep thumb under 2). Bring elbow forward for extension.

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