



With today's activity your primer piano students will have a blast making their very own happy hamster music.

## HAMSTER COMPOSING



### Let's Make A HAMSTER MELODY

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Do a ham - s

Do a ham - st

1.Stretch your h  
2.Crush a h

Do a ham - st

Look at the rhythm below. Say the words while clapping the rhythm.

**1** Do a ham-ster work - out!

With the fingers of your right hand on Middle C, D, E, F, and G...

**2** Compose a melody to match the rhythm. You may use each key once, more than once, or not at all.

Continue experimenting on the keys until you are happy with a melody. Write it on the staff below. Use this melody (your motive) to fill in the missing measures in *The Healthy Hamster*.

**3**

For the Teacher: If your student needs inspiration, play the motives below to spark some creativity.

**4**

to break a sweat.

when the sun sets.

ull - ups, climb a - round.  
weak - y wheel a whirl.

a health - y pett

# MID-PRIMER MUSIC

**Hildegard Needs A Happy Tune** is jam-packed with mid-primer piano pieces, note reading games, warm-up exercises, sight reading and rhythm activities, a practice tracker, and a certificate of achievement.

The music in this book will help young students gain confidence playing stepping notes in middle C position.

The book cover for 'Hildegard Needs A Happy Tune' features a teal background. At the top left is a cartoon hamster. To its right, the text reads 'Andrea and Trevor Dow's VERY USEFUL PIANO LIBRARY'. Below this is a starburst graphic containing 'V.U. LEVEL E'. The title 'HILDEGARD NEEDS A HAPPY TUNE' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white and orange letters. At the bottom, there are three overlapping images of book pages: one showing musical notation, one showing a 'NOTE READING' activity with hamsters and notes, and one showing more musical notation with the page number '15'.

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# HILDEGARD NEEDS A HAPPY TUNE

NOTE READING Draw an X over the note below each hamster that matches the note name on her phone.

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SUPPLEMENTARY SONGS AND ACTIVITIES  
**FOR MID-PRIMER PIANO STUDENTS**

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# THE HEALTHY HAMSTER

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Do a ham - ster work - out! It is time to break a sweat.

Detailed description: This system of music is in 4/4 time. The first two measures are obscured by a light orange rectangular box. The third measure contains the lyrics 'It is time to' and the fourth measure contains 'break a sweat.' The melody is written on a treble clef staff with quarter notes.

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Do a ham - ster work - out! Start to move when the sun sets.

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Detailed description: This system of music is in 4/4 time. The first two measures are obscured by a light orange rectangular box. The third measure contains the lyrics 'Start to move when' and the fourth measure contains 'the sun sets.' The melody is written on a treble clef staff with quarter notes. A measure rest for 4 measures is indicated below the staff.

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1. Stretch your ham - ster ham - strings out. Try some pull - ups, climb a - round.  
2. Crush a ham - ster ham - mer curl. Give the squeak - y wheel a whirl.

Detailed description: This system of music is in 4/4 time and features a repeat sign at the beginning and end. The first two measures are obscured by a light orange rectangular box. The third measure contains the lyrics 'Try some pull - ups, climb a - round.' and the fourth measure contains 'Give the squeak - y wheel a whirl.' The melody is written on a treble clef staff with quarter notes.

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Do a ham - ster work - out, and you'll be a health - y pet!

Detailed description: This system of music is in 4/4 time. The first two measures are obscured by a light orange rectangular box. The third measure contains the lyrics 'and you'll be a' and the fourth measure contains 'health - y pet!' The melody is written on a treble clef staff with quarter notes.