

Synchronize



Definition: synchronize means sharing the exact same beat, in our case, playing the main notes of the time signature exactly in the same rhythm as the **Metronome** dictates.

The word comes from Greek **syn**= *together* and **chronos**= time and would mean "*at the same time*". Often the verb **synchronize** is shortened to "**sync**". (Do not confuse with "think" or "sink").

Each student should be able to properly sync with the metronome at various speeds, expressed in BPM (Beats Per Minute). This is a basic skill.

As an exercise you also can clap your hands in the rhythm of the metronome or tap the right foot.

Before you start playing a composition with the metronome, **LISTEN**. Listen until you have mentally copied the beat of the metronome. Then start playing.

The purpose of proper synchronizing is to be able to **follow the speed of the metronome** as well as **keeping a constant tempo** and finally **being able to play in a group** such as in a Duet, acting as a voice accompanist or performing in a band or orchestra.