

Slurring Exercise

D D1 D2 D3 A A1 A2 A3 A3 A2 A1 A D3 D2 D1 D

Viola

A slur allows you to play two or more notes in a single bow stroke.

To do this, start placing by placing the end of your bow close to the frog (heel) on the string. As you slowly but steadily bring your bow across the strings, place or remove your fingers in the proper place while keeping your bow straight.

Slurring can help you to play more smoothly, or legato. Below is a D major scale to slur. Try it first without the slurs (separate notes) and then with the slurs. See if you can hear the difference.

Try and think if any of your pieces would suit having slurs, especially if it is a calm and gentle piece!