

Yellow award Scale practice

Ok, you should all have a sheet with grade 1 scales and arpeggios on – if you have lost this you can find in the back of the ABRSM Grade 1 Exam pack and Abracadabra books all available to buy on line if you don't already have one of these.

Warm up by playing each scale until you have played it twice with no mistakes.

Do the same for each arpeggio.

Make sure you **check the key signature first** - That means making sure you know which sharps and flats you will need.

Check the fingering for these in your book if you need to.

If you are unsure if you are getting them right you can listen on youtube to the scales here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CD5ts9FSKQ>

practice tonguing them first

Then try to slur all the way to the top – breath – then all the way to the bottom.

Make sure you keep the tempo (speed) even from start to finish.

Look in your book and try to find a piece in the same key as your scales to practice along with this exercise. Ie one with F#'s if your are practicing G major.