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Music Training for Every Level

Piano Fingerings for Beginners

Use Your Whole Hands!

When you are learning to play piano, one of the first things you should do is to *practice using all of your fingers*. A lot of piano music has numbers above the musical notes that tell you which finger you should use for each piano key. It will look something like this:

Right Hand

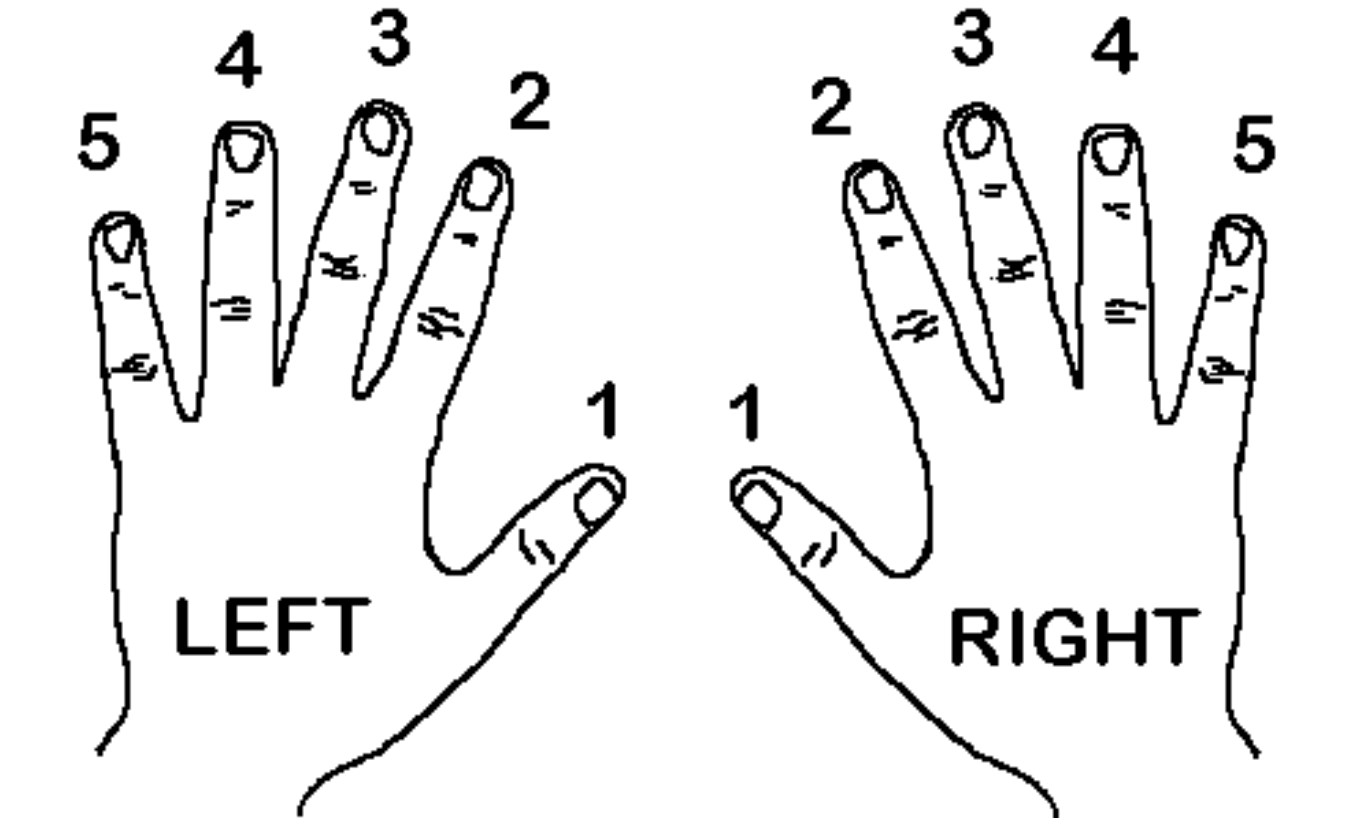
Left Hand

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Fingers and Numbers

The numbers on top of each note tell you which finger to use when you press a key on your keyboard. *Look at the picture below, to see which finger goes with which number.*

The numbers you see will tell you if you are supposed to play with the left hand or the right hand. Notice how your thumb is always number 1, no matter which hand you are using.



Try it!

Try playing the patterns on the first page using the correct fingers. Start slow, and then try to speed it up. Then try doing the same thing starting from another key on the keyboard.

Remember, your hands should always feel comfortable and relaxed when you are playing.

That's what the finger numbers are for — To help you play the music as easily as you can.

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