

Get **20% off** annual membership before your trial ends – **Only 1 day left**

Back to all courses

# Improvisation

**LEVEL 1** • Guitar Skills

 Recently viewed 



 Theatre mode

 Backing tracks

Practice summary

+ Add

You haven't logged any practice time for this lesson yet. There's no time like the present to [start](#)

## Single Note Rhythms

UNIT 1 • **LESSON 4** << PREVIOUS NEXT >>

Lesson notes Interactive tab

### Introducing Syncopation



"Syncopated grooves are another weapon in the arsenal of improvisation, but a very tricky one to get right... Especially to start with!"

Syncopation is starting on the "and" instead of the core beats of the bar. This is a simple idea that can be quite hard to execute! It's a great way to take a simple phrase, like the ones we have worked with so far, and make them massively different by syncopating them (starting on the "and" beats). Thomas has a few great examples that we will try to make clear here.

**NOTE: Please make use of the interactive tab in the Guitar Tabs section for these examples too!**

## Course navigation

### UNIT 1

## Single Note

0%



## Rhythms

To ensure that we build upon strong foundations with our improvisation, we need to really start at the beginning.

Lessons:

- Notes On The Neck
- Whole, Half & 1/4 Notes!
- Introducing 8th Notes
- Introducing Syncopation
- Brain Melting 16ths

### UNIT 2

## Developing Intervals

0%



### UNIT 3

## Major

0%



### UNIT 4

## Major To Minor

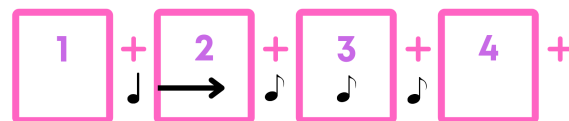
0%



### example one



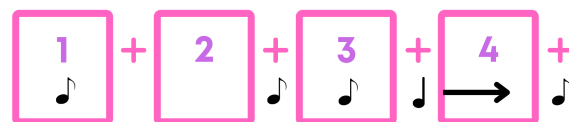
We shift the whole phrase to the "1 + " beat to make it syncopated!



### example two



We shift the whole phrase to the "2 + " beat to make it syncopated!



"Record yourself improvising with these ideas, then watch yourself back to hear how you got on. What can you spot that you liked, and what didn't you like?"



All done?

Click here to mark this lesson as complete.

Not quite done? Check the toolbox for more practice options.

Next lesson



Theory Lab  
Challenges  
Masterclasses

**TOOLS**

Scale Builder  
Practice History

**BLOG**

Latest Posts  
All Posts

Order history  
Logout

**COMPANY**

Terms & Conditions  
Privacy Policy  
Cookie Preferences

**GET IN TOUCH**

contact@guitarclub.io

Currency: £GBP \$USD