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-Practice Before Play



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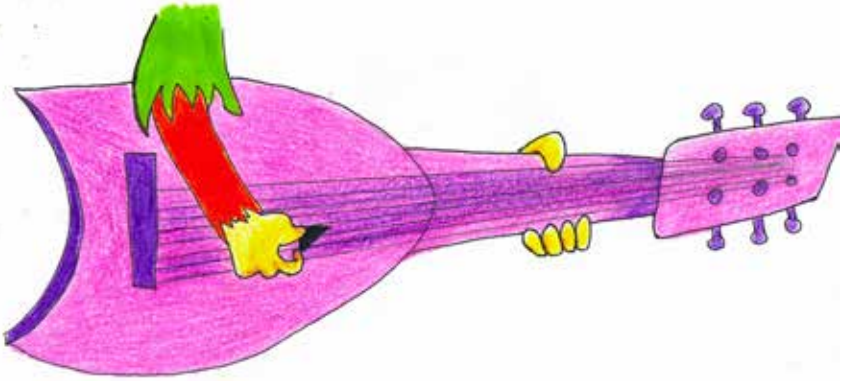
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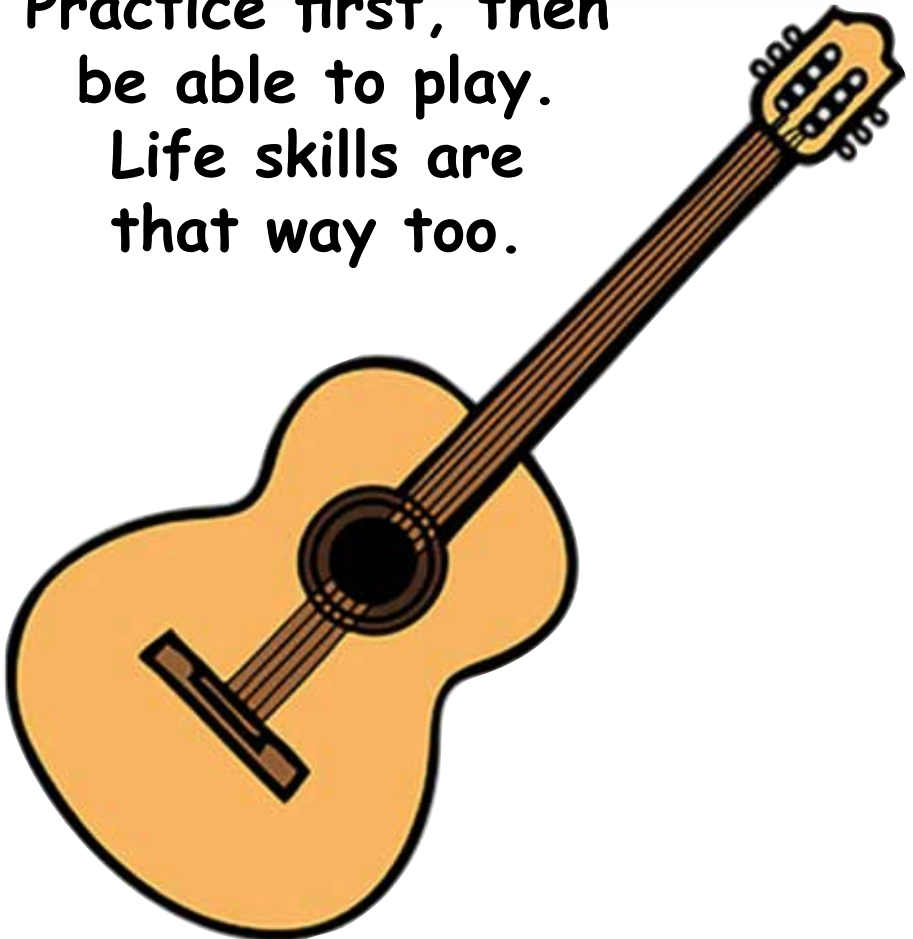
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Practice first, then
be able to play.
Life skills are
that way too.



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**Mo walks onto the stage.
He cautiously grabs the
guitar. Like a Rockstar,
he strums the strings.**



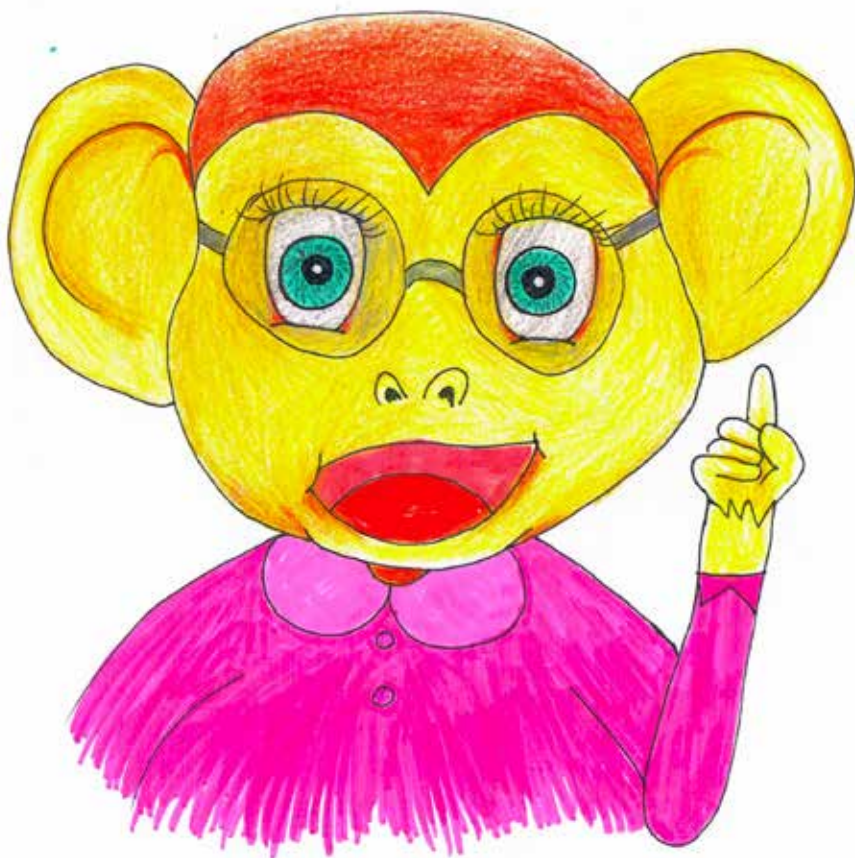
Twang! Twang!
"That sounds awful!"
said the crowd.
"Can you play the guitar?"



**"I don't know." said Mo.
"I have never tried before."**



**"Boo! Boo! Boo!"
yells the crowd.
Mo is discouraged.
He walks off the stage.**



**A teacher talks with Mo.
"First, practice, then
you are able to play."**



"Huh? I don't understand."



"When you really want to learn how to play the guitar. Fill out this form. Be ready to study."

Mo thinks about it. He decides
he wants to learn to play.

He and his parents sign
the permission form.

For the first day, Teacher
Tay takes Mo to the beach.



**Tay points to the water.
Mo asks, "What do waves have
to do with learning to play?"
"You will see" says Tay.**

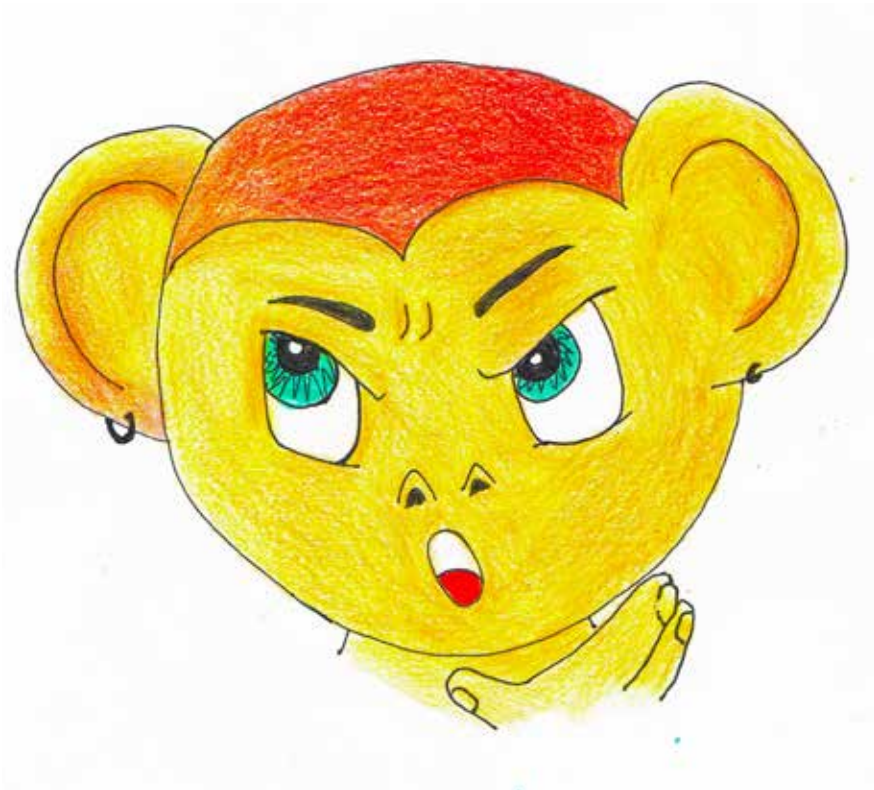


**They waded out into the waves.
Tay grabs Mo and holds him
under the water.
Finally, Tay pulls Mo to the
surface. Mo gasps for air.**

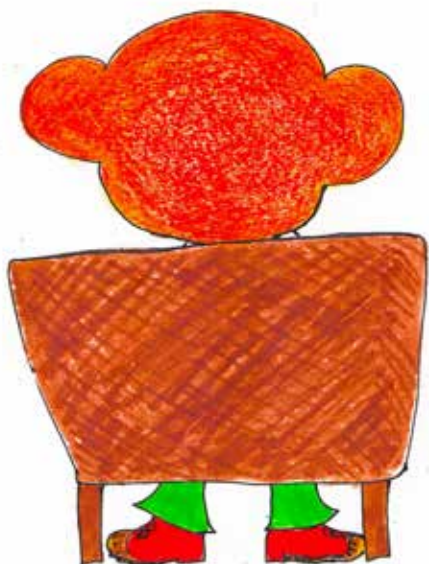


Teacher Tay tells Mo, "When you want to learn, as much as you wanted air, call me. Practicing a new skill takes hard work, commitment and lots of practice. Are you really ready?"

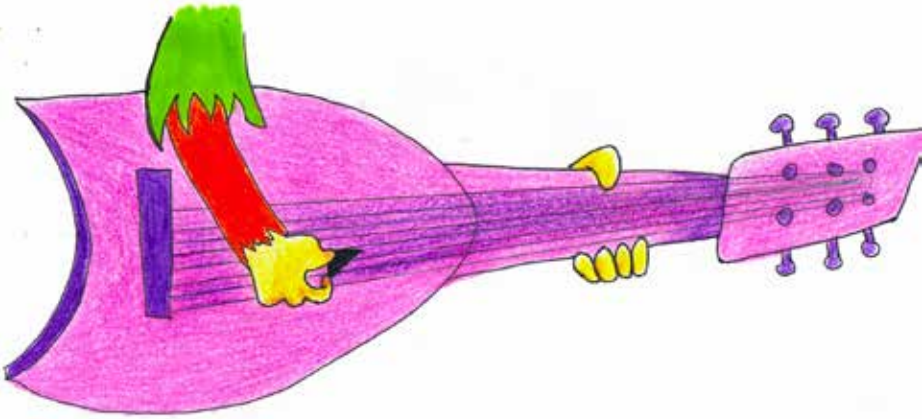
**Mo thinks about it for
a few days. He decides.**



**Mo calls Tay.
"I am ready."**



**"Start by learning the lingo.
The words of music are notes."**



**"Notes tell you how to hold
your hands. Pluck the pick
to make different sounds."**

**Mo smiles. "I know
what comes next."**



Practice and more practice."

Tay replies, "Yup! Practice playing songs that someone else wrote.

Next is months and months of more practice."



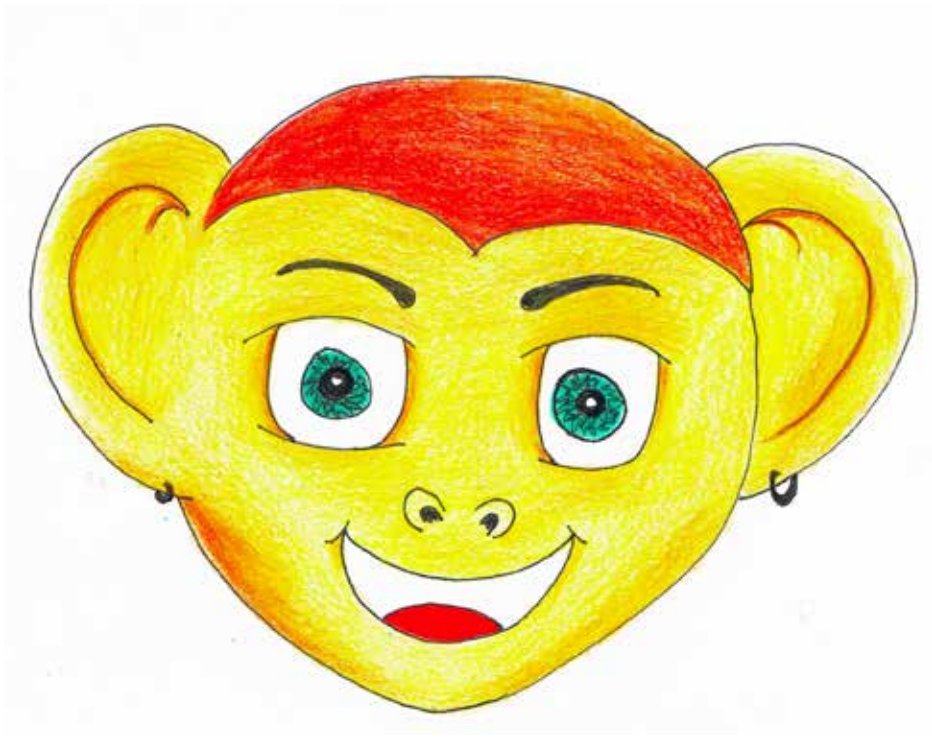
**Tay teaches Mo how to
write his own music too!**



Later, it is show time. Mo confidently grabs his guitar.



**He plays and the crowd cheers.
"Wonderful! Excellent! Hooray!"**

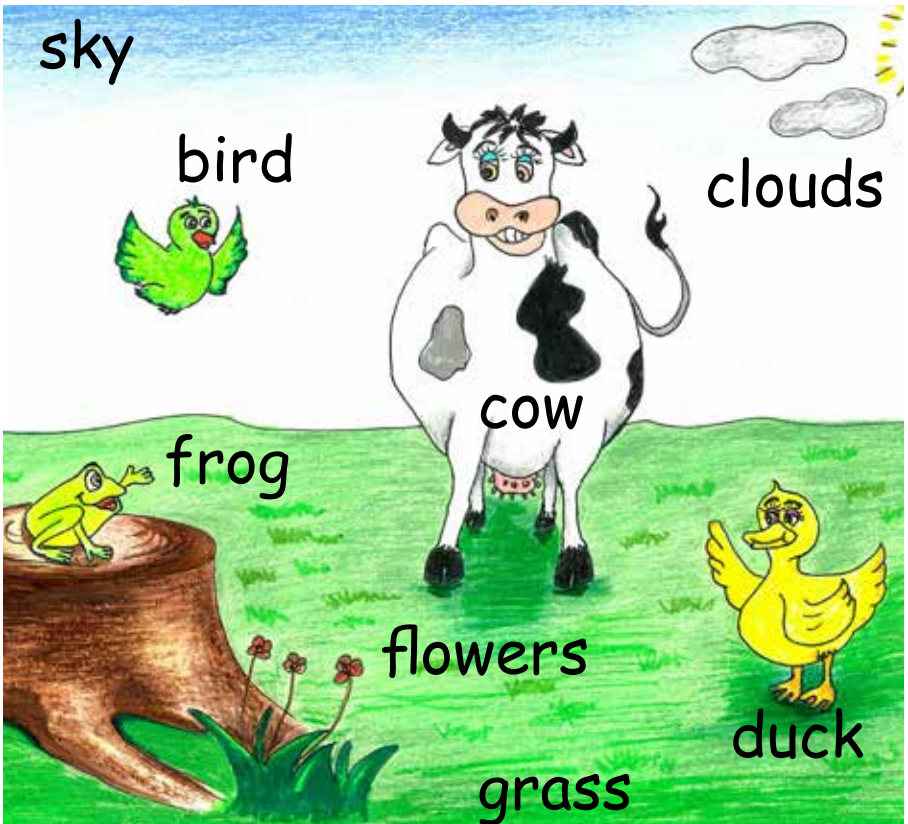


**Mo thinks to himself.
"It takes lots of practice
to learn to play well."**

The End

Noun

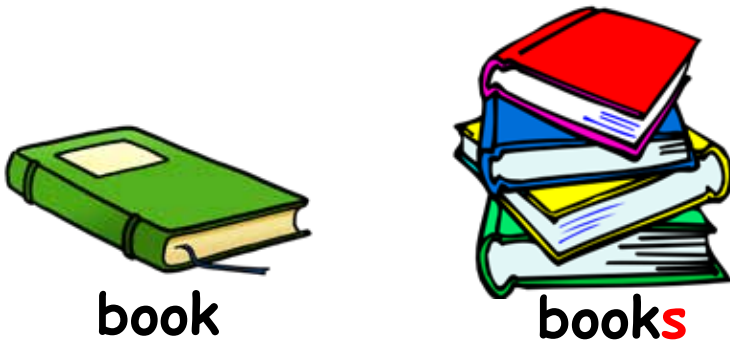
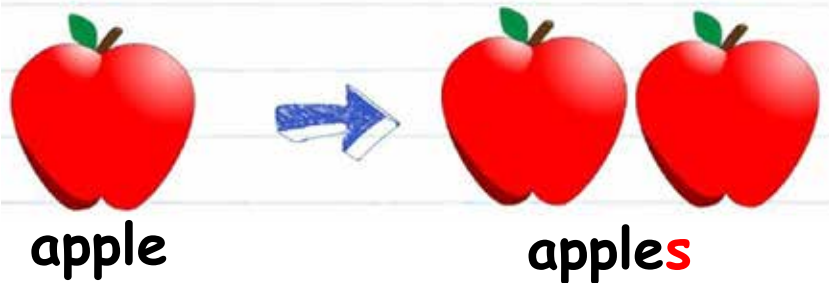
I learn, a noun is a person, place or thing.



Notice the words "clouds and flowers."

Rule # 7 "s" Nouns

I add an "s" to make more than one noun.



duck



plural

ducks

Breaker #7 - "es"



I add "es" to
words that
end in: s, sh,
ch and x.

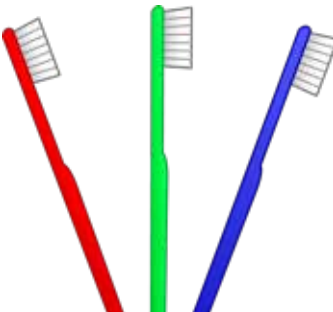


bus

buses



watches



brushes



box

boxes

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Practice first
then be able to
play. Learning
English takes
practice too.



Practice understanding the main point of the
sentences before understanding every word.

Monkey Star - Practice Before Play Video Script

- 1) *Mo walks on the stage. He slowly grabs the guitar.
Mo tries to play. Like a Rockstar, he strums the strings.*
- 2) *Twang! Twang! "That sounds awful!" said the crowd.
"Can you really play the guitar?"*
- 3) *"I don't know." said Mo. "I have not played before."*
- 4) *The crowd yells "Boooo!"
Mo feels discouraged. He walks off the stage.*
- 5) *Teacher Tay talks with Mo. "First, you must practice,
then you will be able to play."*
- 6) *"Huh? I don't understand." Teacher asks,
"Do you really want to learn how to play the guitar?"*
- 7) *"When yes, fill out this form. Be ready to study."*
- 8) *Mo thinks about it. He decides he wants to learn
to play. He and his parents sign the permission form.
They go to the beach.*
- 9) *Mo asks, "What do waves have to do with learning
to play the guitar?" "You will see" says teacher Tay.*
- 10) *They go into the wavy water.
Tay holds mo down into the water!
Finally, Tay pulls Mo to the surface. Mo gasps for air.*
- 11) *Teacher Tay tells Mo, "When you want to learn,
as much as you wanted air, please call me.
Practicing a new skill takes hard work.
Are you really ready?"*
- 12) *Mo thinks about the lesson for a few
days. He decides. Mo calls Tay.
"I am ready to work hard."*



- 13) *Teacher begins the lessons.*
“Start by learning the language of music.
The lingo. The words of music are notes.”
- 14) *“Notes tell you how to hold your hands.*
You then Pluck the
pick to make different sounds.”
Teacher Tay replies.
- 15) *“At first, practice playing songs*
that others write. Next is months
and months of more practice.”
- 16) *Mo practices and practices.*
- 17) *Next, Tay helps Mo write*
his own music too!
- 18) *Today is show time!*
Mo confidently goes on the stage.
Mo grabs his guitar.
- 19) *Mo plays. The crowd claps loudly.*
They cheer,
“Wonderful! Excellent! Hooray!”
- 20) *Mo smiles and thinks*
about what he’s learned.
“It really takes hard work to play well.”



Back Cover

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Mo walks on stage without knowing how to play the guitar. As you can imagine, this does not go well. Later, Mo learns that playing takes lots of practice.

