Tips for Practicing and Performing

Clap, Finger, Play:

Clap the rhythm, **finger** the notes while saying the note names (in rhythm), then **play** the music!
For **piano** and **voice**, just **clap** and say the note names, then **play** the music!

Break It Down:

When practicing, **break down the music** into **simple sections** or pieces. These sections can be easier to practice and understand!
After practicing the separate sections, **put the pieces back together** and play the whole thing!

Look Ahead:

Try to **look ahead** when reading music so you can see what's coming!
For example, if you're playing a whole note, that gives you 4 beats to **look ahead** at what's next, rather than just staring at the whole note.

Reading Priorities:

The **most important** things to pay attention to while reading music are:
1) **Rhythms** 2) **Notes** 3) **Articulations** 4) **Dynamics**. **In that order!**