

Third Grade Parent Resource

Learning to play
Descant Recorders

Tips for how to play the Descant Recorder





**Sit upright in a
comfortable
position.**





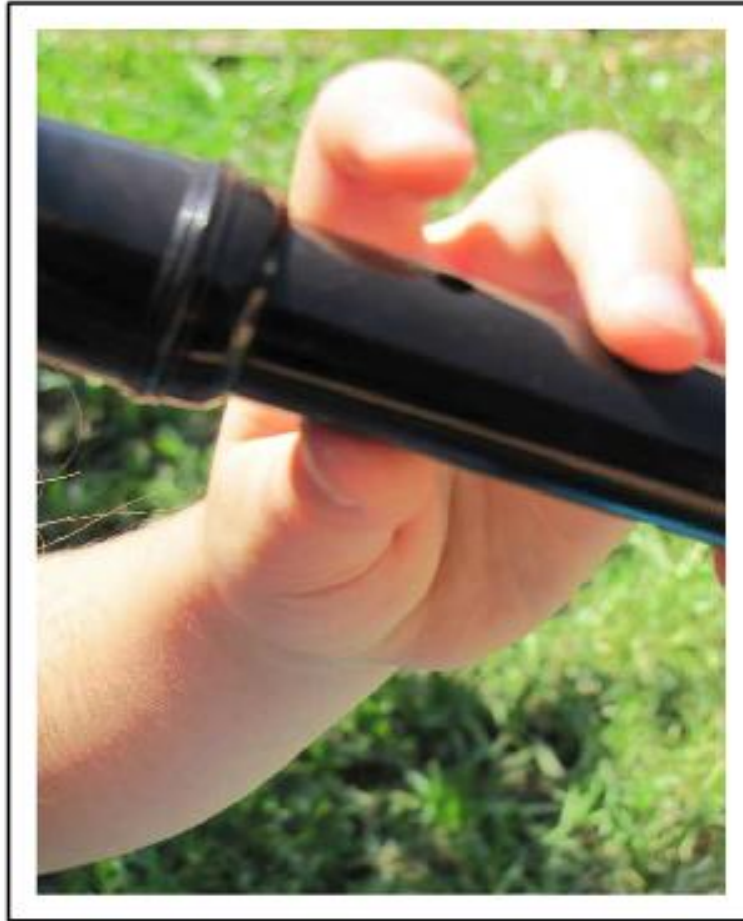
Hold the recorder
with two hands -
left hand at the
top.





The thumb of the right hand supports the recorder at all times.

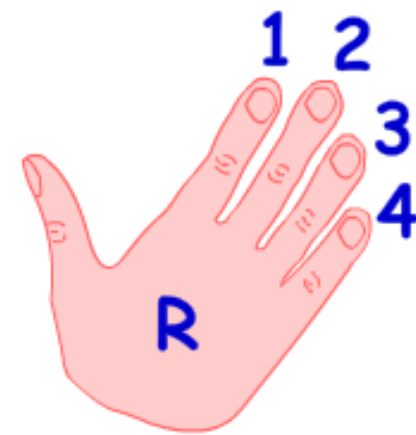
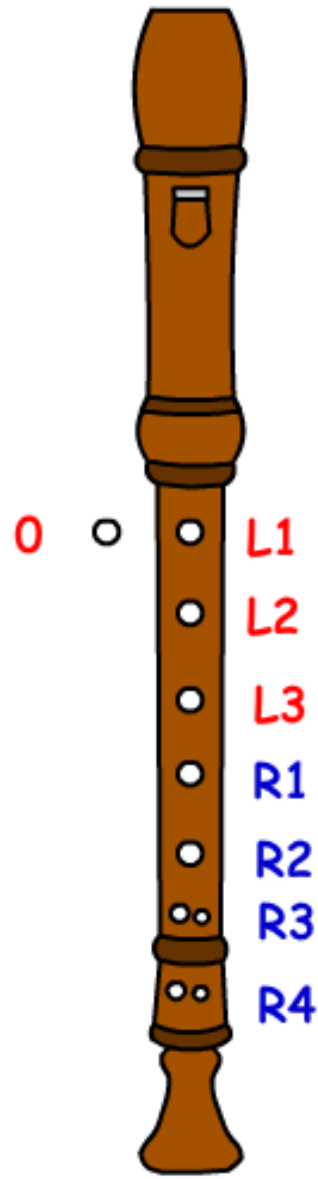


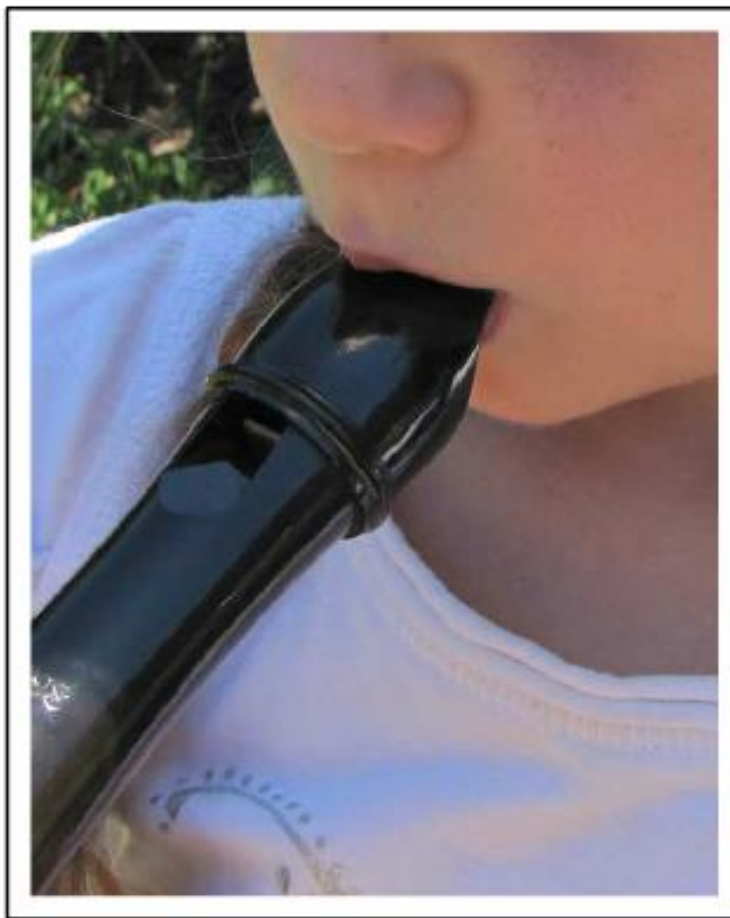


Use the thumb of the left hand to cover the hole at the back of the recorder.



The fingers of the left and right hands cover the holes on the front of the recorder.





Seal your mouth around the mouthpiece and blow gently.

Silently say "du" or "tu" while you play a note. Finish the note by saying "d" or "t".





Place the fingers
firmly so that they
seal the holes
completely.
(There is no need to
press hard.)

Remember to blow
gently!





Now you are ready
to learn your first
note!

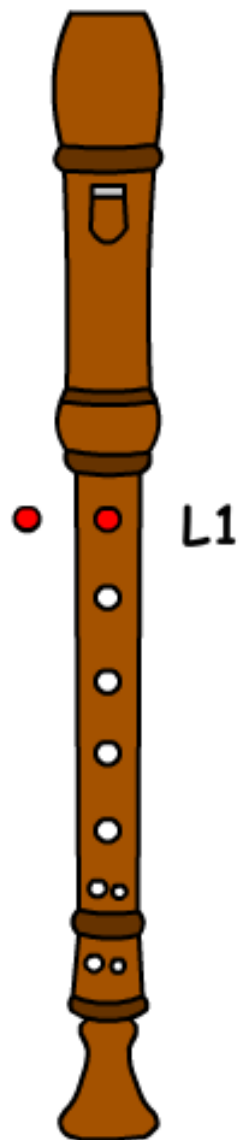
We use a fingering
chart to see which
holes to cover.





B

Left
thumb



Use your fingers to cover only the holes that are filled in.

The circle beside the recorder represents the hole on the back.



Finally-



Remember to:

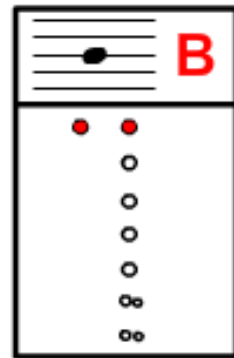
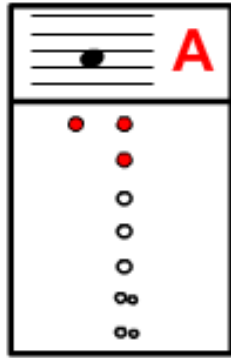
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Exercise 1

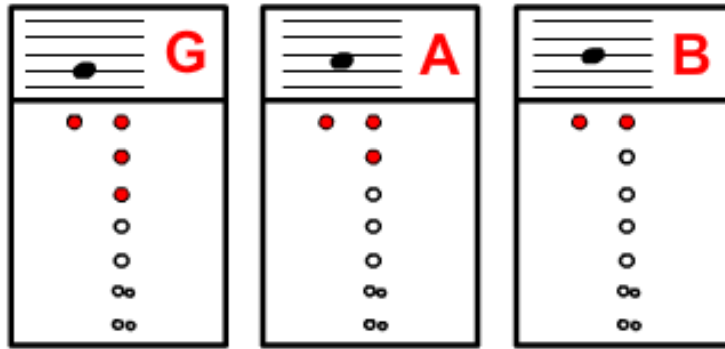


Let's Play
A and B



 = 1 count  = rest for 1 count

Exercise 3

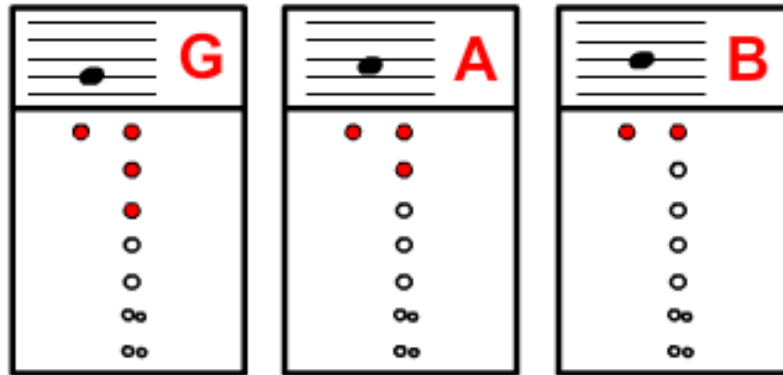


Let's Play
G, A and B




 = 1 count  = 2 counts

Exercise 4

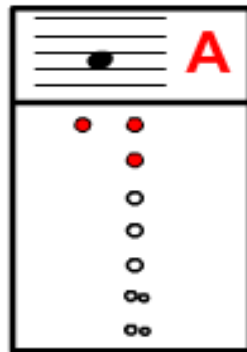
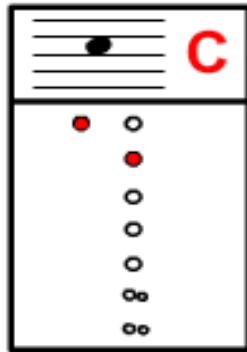


Let's Play
G, A and B





 = 1/2 count

Exercise 1



Let's Play
C and A



 = 1 count  = rest for 1 count

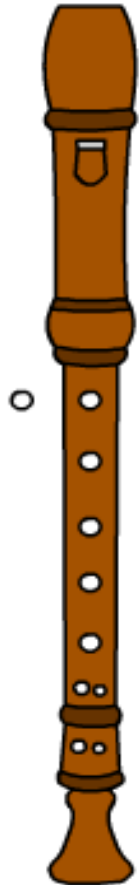
Songs For The Descant Recorder



Hot Cross Buns !



Traditional



Hot cross buns ! Hot cross buns !

One a pen-ny, two a pen-ny Hot cross buns !



Recorder



Note Names



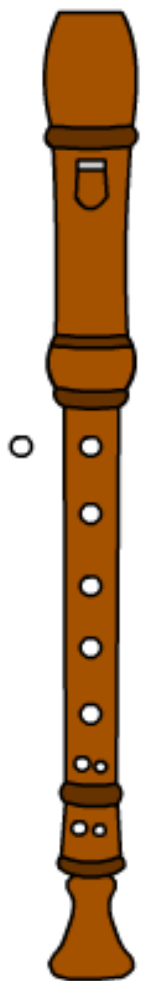
Play Song

Click on individual notes to hear their sounds



Three Blind Mice

Traditional



Three blind mice, Three blind mice, See how they run.



See how they run They all ran af- ter the far- mer's wife, who



cut off their tails with a car- ving knife Did you e- ver see such a



sight in your life as three blind mice?



Recorder



Note Names



Play Song

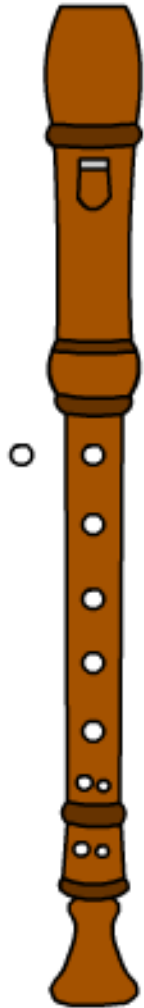
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Mary Had A Little Lamb



Traditional



Musical notation for the first line of the song. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). The lyrics below are: Ma - ry had a lit - tle lamb, lit - tle lamb

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The notes are: G5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics below are: lit - tle lamb. Ma - ry had a lit - tle lamb, its

Musical notation for the third line of the song. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). The lyrics below are: fleece was white as snow.



Recorder



Note Names



Play Song

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