Think of a metronome as one of the most useful tools a musician can own. It produces a steady click at a set speed, measured in beats per minute (BPM), and *free metronome* helps you play **metronome** evenly.

Step 1: Set the tempo

Begin at a comfortable speed. For most beginners, 60 BPM, one click per second, is a good starting point. If the music has a tempo marking, begin at about 70% of that speed.

Set the beats per bar

Most popular music use 4/4, so the first beat of every four is accented. Waltzes use 3/4, and jigs and slow blues are in 6/8.

Count a bar first

Let the click run for one full bar before you start. Start playing on the accented beat and try to make every note land exactly with the click.

Build speed slowly

When you can play a passage cleanly three times in a row, raise the tempo by 2 to 5 BPM. Small steps build speed without building mistakes. Online tools like MetronomeWorld can even raise the tempo for you with a speed trainer.

Practise like this for ten minutes a day and you will hear the difference within weeks.