

Jazz Course UK

What level am I?

Try this easy test to see which course is suitable for your ability. Simply answer the following questions and work out your score. For all courses the answer to question 1 should be 'yes'.

1. Do you have a working knowledge of your instrument or voice? (ie. you know where the notes are, can play some scales and/or chords, and have a little reading ability) **YES/NO**
2. Have you played in a group/ensemble before? **YES/NO**
3. Have you ever improvised before? **YES/NO**
4. Can you improvise at a basic level (e.g. On the blues scale)?
YES/NO
5. Can you improvise at an intermediate level? (e.g. Using more than one approach or scale to get through a tune with a shifting chord progression) **YES/NO**
6. Can you improvise at a more advanced level? (eg. Using different approaches or scales to play over a tune containing many chords and tonalities) **YES/NO**
7. Can you comfortably play, and improvise on, a variety of jazz standards? (e.g. Stella by Starlight, My Romance etc.) **YES/NO**
8. Have you performed jazz and improvised in public before? **YES/NO**
9. Have you led or played regularly with your own jazz group before?
YES/NO
10. Have you attained Grade 7 or 8 or Diploma level on your instrument or voice? **YES/NO**

Your score is worked out based on the number of questions you answered **YES** to:

1-5 Beginner/Intermediate level

6-10 Intermediate/Advanced level

NB. Please note this is only a *rough guide* to your suitability for a course. Past participants come from wide-ranging musical backgrounds from the self-taught to those with more formal training.