

Sample Free Lesson Plan for Play Piano Chords Today

I recommend a free 20 min sample lesson for adult students. It will give them confidence and will introduce them to your teaching style.

Materials

- Play Piano Chords Today Book 1 and Book 2
- CD player or ipod player with speaker
- A fake book like *Your First Fake Book* by Hal Leonard
- Printed introductory handout for them to take home.

Lesson

- 2 minute chat on their musical background (if any) and the type of piano/keyboard they can practice on
- 2 mins - Show the Play Piano Today Books and go through the Table of Contents to see what you will cover
- 2 mins - Start the music! Open Book 1 to Make Music Today and sing along with the CD
- 6 mins - Let them experience playing the first 16 bars of Make Music Today with the CD
 - a. Novice - RH only looking at page 6 (guide them through by singing 1 Hold, 1231, Hold hold... etc.)
 - b. Experienced – Use the copy with the notes and play RH only and then LH only. You can judge if that's enough or if they can try once hands together.
- 2 mins – browse through a few pages of Book 1 and Book 2
- 1 min – a brief glimpse at the Table of Contents of Your First Fake Book to show what is possible after they have completed the two books
- Give them the introductory handout to take with them and spend the last few minutes answering questions.

Summary

They have seen a brief overview of the piano course, listened to some music, played the piano and been introduced to the possibility of playing lots of their favorite tunes. Watch them sign up and start on their musical journey with you!