

# SIMON SAYS STEP OR SKIP

Play this game to help your student learn to read music using baby-steps and skips for more fluent piano playing and better sight-reading!

## DIRECTIONS:

- Print and cut out the cards below, then shuffle and stack them in a pile.
- Print the attached Smart Staff and laminate, if desired.
- Gather small objects to place on the lines and spaces of the staff, such as small candies, cereal, LEGO pieces, mini erasers, dimes, etc.
- Player 1 places 1 item anywhere on the staff as a starting note, then chooses a card from the pile and says, "Simon Says" before reading the directions on the card.
- Player 2 places a second item on the staff creating a baby-step or skip up or down, following the given directions. (*Did you do as Simon Said?*)
- Take turns placing new items and drawing cards to create steps and skips.

**BONUS:** starting on middle C or Bass C, place 5-6 steps and skips on the staff and see if your student can play the notes on the piano!

**STEP UP**

**STEP UP**

**STEP UP**

**STEP DOWN**

**STEP DOWN**

**STEP DOWN**

**SKIP UP**

**SKIP UP**

**SKIP UP**

**SKIP DOWN**

**SKIP DOWN**

**SKIP DOWN**

