Ear Training “Clues” Checklist

Playing by ear can be difficult. When you get stuck, try using these clues to help you eliminate some notes and figure out the correct pitches.

1. Sing and Slow Down

2. Figure Out Contour (Up or Down)

3. Step or Skip?

4. Whole or Half Step

5. Repeated Notes Later

6. Find Skips Through Steps

7. Using the 1 Chord

8. Find “Home” Note

9. Guess and Check With Piano