

TWO SHORTCUTS TO AVOID MISTAKES

All musicians make mistakes!

There are songs that feature mistakes - Just have a listen to:

Roxanne by The Police
Just What I Needed - The Cars
Eminence Front - The Who
Love Shack - The B-52s
Creep - Radiohead
Wish You Were Here - Pink Floyd

All musicians have to learn how to avoid or counter mistakes and there are 2 main shortcuts:

1. **JUST KEEP PLAYING - WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN**

When a mistake happens, you simply just keep playing. This will take some time to get comfortable. Never use any time, energy or thought on unnecessary things. You simply just pick up from the next note or find your place within the song as quickly as possible. This will sound confident, professional and musical to anyone listening and most musicians / bands / artists do this all the time.

2. **LETS UNDERSTAND THE MISTAKE**

When a mistake happens, you stop and find out why or how the mistake occurred. This could be due to the fingering used, the notes, being misread, the song not being remembered correctly or the rhythm being incorrect. There are many reasons why mistakes happen but by taking the time to resolve them and understand why they happened you will shortcut your learning and avoid wasting time.

ALL MUSICIANS HAVE TO LEARN THESE LESSONS THE HARD WAY. THESE SHORTCUTS WILL MAKE LEARNING ANY SONG, EXERCISE OR TECHNIQUE LIKE CLOCKWORK.

SIMPLE, REPEATABLE AND STRUCTURED.