



Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your source of information and inspiration for music teachers from Teach Music 21C.



Did you know? Many of the ways music teachers think about practicing and learning to sing or play a musical instrument date back several centuries. Yes - we use a lot of strategies that originate from educational developments of the 1800s that draw heavily from the scientific/industrial revolutions. What does this mean for today's music teachers? Read more in this [article from Times Have Changed](#).

All the best with your teaching,
Merlin Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Feedback from Readers

Thanks so much to everyone for taking a few moments to provide feedback on the MTM Newsletter. What's really obvious is how readers appreciate short tips, helpful hints, and inspirations that serve as catalysts for teaching. Upcoming issues will continue to focus on communication and effective strategies for student-centered teaching. In response to requests for material on the role and relationship with parents, check out [Working with Parents \(Part 3\)](#).

Must-Have Teaching Phrases

Would you like to keep students actively involved in their music lessons? Here are a few must-have phrases.

1. What was easiest/hardest in your practice last week?
2. What do you need from me? How can I help?
3. What would you like to learn?
4. What did you notice?
5. Tell me more...

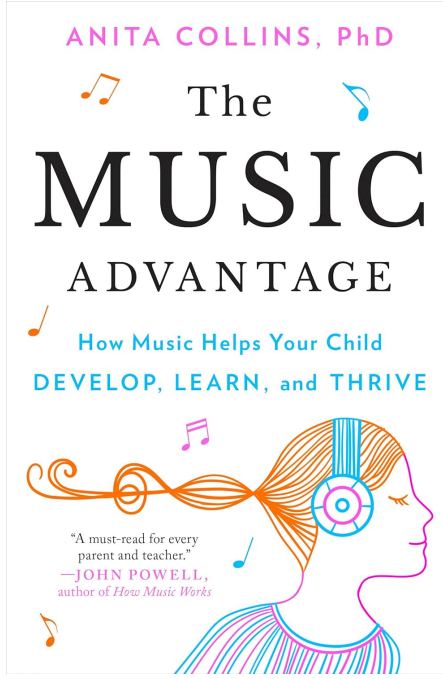
Which phrases do you use all the time? Which phrases might you add to your routines? What are your favourite phrases?

Teach Music 21C Certification

The last Certification course for 2024 starts just around the corner! [Register now](#) for the October 1 start date and take your music teaching to the next level. Hope to see you there!



Recommended Reading



If you're looking for a book with research to back up the benefits of music learning, this is the one. Dr. Anita Collins explains how playing music is the cognitive equivalent of a full-body workout. She provides real-life stories to show how music making can improve language abilities, social skills, concentration, emotional development, working memory, planning and strategy competence. Available on [Amazon](#).

A Quick Quote

No teacher or student can go back and start another beginning.
Anyone can turn what they do next into something that matters.



Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 23, 12 noon

Presentation UCalgary Music Department

Thursday, September 19, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar - Register [here](#).

"Engaging Students" is the topic.

October 18-19

Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Conference

October 25-26

Music Conference Alberta

TM21C Certification

Feedback from a graduate of the Certification program, "*Teach Music 21C Certification has clarified my thinking and inspired me to continue to become the teacher I always knew I could be.*"

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