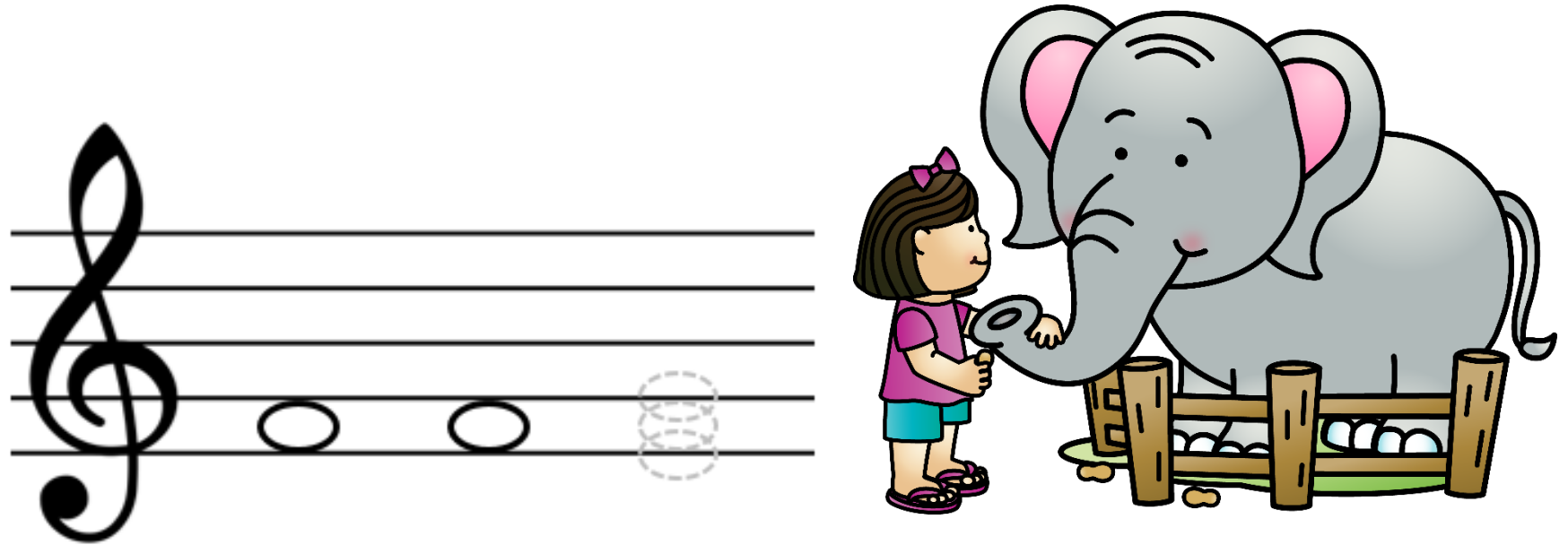


# Big Ears Listening Challenge

A fun group lesson game from MyFunPianoStudio.com



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Group lessons are the ideal setting for ear training exercises with piano students because these exercises are easy to do with a group, and because kids love practicing this skill in a social setting with their friends. I include an ear training game in every group lesson I teach. Big Ears Listening Challenge is a beginner melodic dictation exercise that I use with students who are just getting started in their musical training.

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**Materials Needed:** White cardstock, page protectors, dry erase markers

**Preparation:** Print the Big Ears game board on white cardstock. Print a copy for each student and place each inside a page protector.

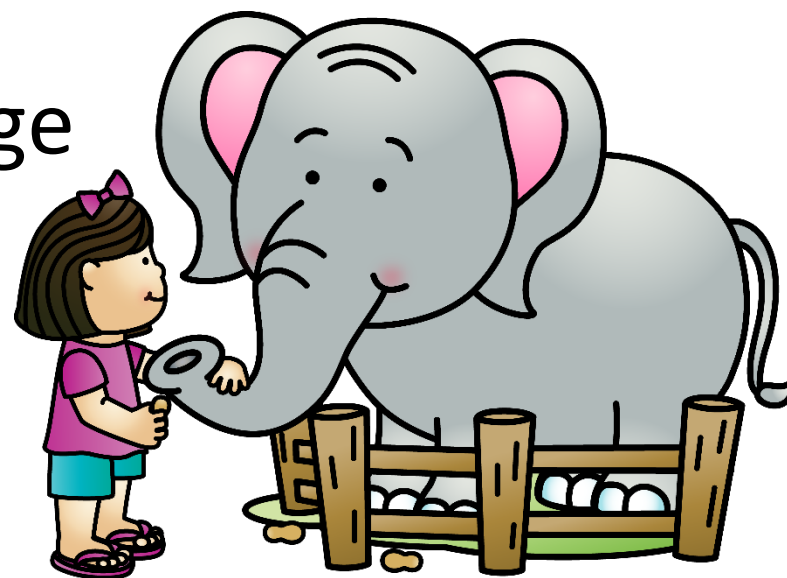
**How to Play:** Give each student a game board in a page protector and a dry erase marker. Begin by showing the students how to trace the notes. Point out that line notes have the line going right through the middle, and space notes fit in between the lines. Then begin the ear training exercise.

Instruct students that the teacher will play 3 notes on the piano. Students are to listen carefully and identify the missing third note of the sequence. The missing note will either repeat the previous note, or go up or down by a step. Teacher plays the example three times and students add the missing third note by tracing it on their page.

Check answers and give feedback as needed. As a class sing the correct melody. Then have students erase their boards and play again with another example. Repeat for several rounds.

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Listen for the missing third note and trace your answer



A musical staff with a treble clef on the left. The staff consists of five horizontal lines. On the second line from the bottom, there are two solid black oval notes. On the third line from the bottom, there are two dashed grey oval notes, one above the other, indicating a missing note to be identified and traced.