

## How to deal with student frustration

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It is often that a music teacher encounters a student that simply causes them grief. The guitar/bass/piano/singing student just doesn't seem to make any progress at all from one lesson to another.

That leaves you, the music teacher, teaching the same lesson over and over again, explaining the same mistakes over and over again and simply bores you to death.

When you find these cases repeat themselves with the same student you have to address it. If tension builds then neither of you is happy and this relationship will end very soon.

Don't be shy to have a conversation with your student, ask them what's wrong and why do they think they are not progressing. Ask them about their practicing habits, and what exactly they feel is holding them back.

Maybe it's a simple matter like, they don't like the songs you are teaching them and you need to think of new alternatives together.

And maybe you will come to the conclusion that it is simply not in the student's or you best interest for the lessons to go on, and maybe your problem will be solved and you will find the student making progress and enjoying his lessons.

Many guitar students I have declared unteachable have made major leaps in their playing ability after sorting out these issues, and we both had more fun during class.

Remember,

You are both there to have a good time and enjoy the music!

Sincerely,

Jules