

# Escaping the Excuse Trap\*

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There is no language so universal as music—unless it is *lingua excusa!* This sly saboteur snags students of every musical culture, genre, style, and level of accomplishment. Through myriad dialects it whispers one unified message, “Camouflage for avoidance!” What’s a teacher to do? How do you unlock the cage? **Escaping the Excuse Trap** will point the way to truth, freedom...and excellence!

## 1 - Expose Common Excuses

Distinguish legitimate reasons vs. lame excuses.

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## 2 - Decipher True Meanings

Hear beyond the words and see beyond the symptoms...

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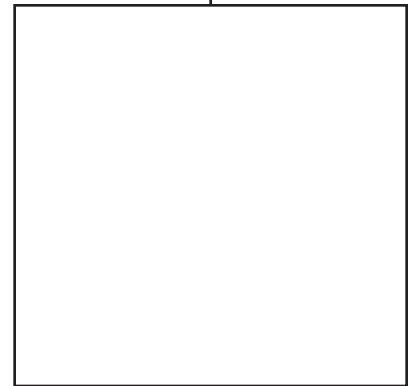
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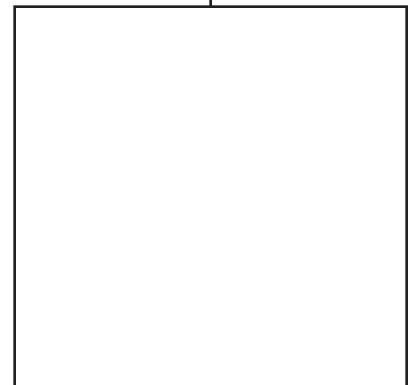
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Common Excuse



True Meanings



### 3 - Face Musical Challenges

Challenges grow smaller and weaker when examined.

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### 4 - Conquer w/ Productive Solutions

Productive solutions put into practice open the way of escape.

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### 5 - Move on to Excellence!

Change direction and escape to excellence...and success!

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