

TIPS FOR TEACHING ONLINE

With the uncertainty of winter weather, you may find yourself needing to teach some lessons online this season. Here are a few tips to help you and your student have a positive experience!

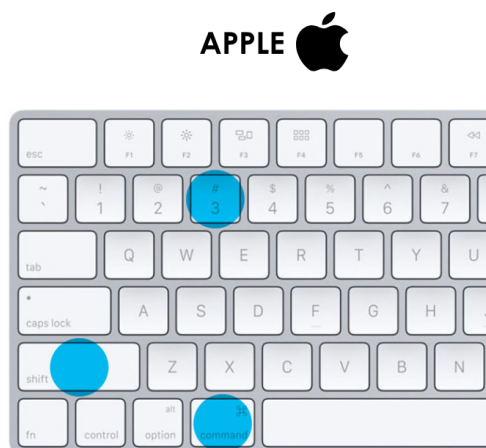
Have another tip that's not on this page? Let us know and we'll add it to the list!

- Power source: make sure your phone, tablet, or computer is fully charged, or that you have a power cord within reach.
- Light source: if it's convenient, turn your set up so that there's light from a window or other nearby light source shining on your face. This makes it easier for your student to see you on their screen.
- Do you normally keep your teaching books at the Academy? If there's a winter storm forecast for the next day, you might want to take those books home with you so you have them for online teaching.
- Don't have the music the student is playing? Ask them to hold the music up to the camera so you can take a screenshot. That way you have the music to look at while you're teaching!

How to take a screenshot of your computer screen



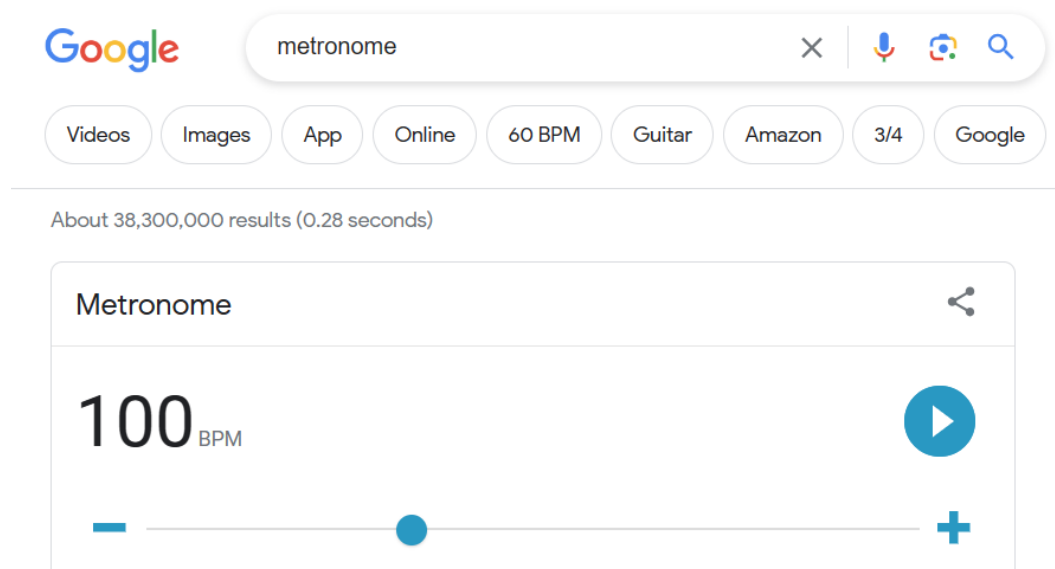
Find and press the Windows button and print screen at the same time- easy!



Find and press Shift, Command, and "3" at the same time- also easy!

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- If you can't hear or see the student well, it's ok to ask them to make adjustments so you can see or hear what you need to.
- Do you want your student to play along with you? If you turn the sound down on your device while you play, your student will be able to hear you and play along with you, but you won't hear their sound coming back on a delay. Just let your student know you won't be able to hear them for a bit and remember to turn the sound back up so you can hear them as soon as you finish playing!
- Metronomes: it's easiest if the student already has a metronome or metronome app that they can turn on their side of the video call. Otherwise, you can turn on a metronome on your side of the call. Just realize that their sound will be behind the metronome beep you're hearing because of the signal delay. For a free, easy metronome option for students (and yourself!) go to [google.com](https://www.google.com) and search the word "metronome"



- If you want to make eye contact with your student, look at the camera instead of the screen, especially if you are sitting three feet or less from your device. The closer your face is to the screen, the more important it is that you look at the camera instead of at your student on the screen.