



Online Lessons via Zoom: Quick Start Guide

Step 1: Check Device Compatibility & Internet Connection

The majority of modern devices - laptops, desktop computers, smart phones, iPads and other tablets - will be compatible with Zoom, but you can check your device just in case. These are the minimum requirements suggested by Zoom.

- An internet connection - broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE).
 - You can check your bandwidth by googling “Internet Speed Test” and clicking the blue button: “RUN SPEED TEST”. Zoom recommends a minimum of 600kps up/down.
- Speakers and a microphone - built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in, or a HD cam or HD camcorder with video capture card

More information regarding system requirements is available here:

- For PC, Mac & Linux: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux>
- For iOS, iPadOS, and Android: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201179966-System-Requirements-for-iOS-iPadOS-and-Android>

Step 2: Download Zoom to your Device

Go to zoom.us/download, and download the Zoom Client for Meetings

If you are using a mobile device, you may be taken to the app store to complete the download.

Step 3: Sign Up for a Free Account

Either sign up in the app you have just downloaded, or go to <https://zoom.us/signup> to create an account. You do not need to sign up for a premium/paid account, as the functionality of the free version of Zoom is all you will need for singing lessons.

Step 4: Check Zoom settings in the App

Click on the gear icon in the top right corner, or click zoom.us -> preferences... to set up your Zoom meeting room.

In the Video tab, select your webcam, and check that you can be seen in the video preview.

In the Audio tab, select the desired speaker and microphone. This is likely to be the built-in input/output, or headphones if you prefer. You may prefer to use an external speaker to improve sound quality a little. Click the buttons to Test Speaker and Test Microphone to make sure you can both hear audio and be heard.

Step 5: Start using Zoom!

If we have pre-scheduled a lesson via Zoom, I will send you a meeting invitation at the time of your lesson. If you had an in-person lesson scheduled and need to change to online at the last minute, just text or call me at your lesson time and I will then send you a meeting invitation. There are two ways to join a meeting from the invitation I will send you:

Option 1 - Click the link in the invitation, and follow the prompts to open in Zoom

Option 2 - Open Zoom, and click the button which says “Join”. Enter the Meeting ID number in the invitation, and click Join Meeting.

Once connected, click Join Audio and Start Video.

Learn More:

How-To Videos by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/resources>

Getting Started Guide on Zoom website: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>