

Music

Grade 2

Meet the orchestra families

Get to know the four instrument families and how they make sound.



I can sort instruments into their families.



1



Sort the instruments

Write each instrument under its family.



violin

flute

trumpet

drum

cello

clarinet

trombone

xylophone

Strings

Woodwind

Brass

Percussion

2 How is the sound made?

Match each family to the way it is played.

☐ Strings ●

☐ Woodwind ●

☐ Brass ●

☐ Percussion ●

● A. You blow and buzz your lips.

● B. You hit, shake or scrape it.

● C. You pluck or bow the strings.

● D. You blow across or into it.

3 Pick the answer

Circle the right answer.

1. Which string instrument is the biggest?

A violin

B viola

C double bass

2. Which one is a percussion instrument?

A tambourine

B oboe

C tuba

3. Which instrument is a brass instrument?

A harp

B French horn

C recorder

4 True or false

Circle the right answer.

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True

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2. A flute is a brass instrument.

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3. Drums can play loud and soft.

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5 How do you play it?

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

WORD BANK

bow

keys

sticks

valves

strings

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4. A trumpet has three _____ that you press down.
5. A guitar has six _____.

6 Which family?

Write the family of each instrument.

Instrument	Family
harp	
tuba	
oboe	
triangle	
guitar	

7 🎧 High or low?

Write each instrument in the right box.

tuba

double bass

violin

flute

bassoon

piccolo

High sound

Low sound

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