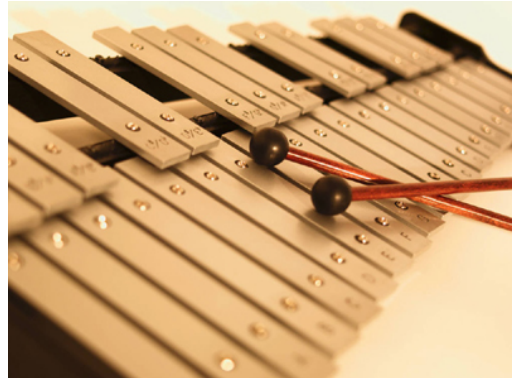


KS2 Music Quiz Instruments

Instruments are devices for making music. Flutes are the oldest musical instruments in existence. Archaeologists think the oldest musical instrument found in Europe is a 35,000 year old flute made from a vulture's wing bone. People may have been using ordinary objects as percussion instruments even earlier in human history. Modern orchestras contain many more instruments besides percussion and flutes.

Test your knowledge of musical instruments by trying this quiz.



1. Why are musical instruments organised into families?

- Instruments in the same family were all made by the same craftsmen and craftswomen
- An orchestra looks tidier when matching instruments are together
- It helps musicians to work together better
- The instruments in a family are related to each other

2. Which of the following instruments is NOT a member of the brass family?

- French horn
- Trombone
- Clarinet
- Tuba

3. The flute is a member of the...

- brass family
- woodwind family
- percussion family
- string family

4. Which of these instruments belongs in the string family?

- Oboe
- Piccolo
- Tambourine
- Cello

5. The xylophone belongs in the same family as the...

- Castanets
- Tuba
- Viola
- Saxophone

6. Which of these instruments does NOT have strings?

- Piano
- Double bass
- Bassoon
- Harp

7. Which of these is an untuned instrument?

- Bass drum
- Flute
- Violin
- Glockenspiel

8. To play a woodwind instrument, the musician must...

- Press the keys
- Open and close the holes with his or her fingers
- Blow air through the mouthpiece and open or close the holes with his or her fingers
- Make a buzzing sound into the mouthpiece

9. Which of these instruments can play the highest pitch?

Bassoon

Oboe

Flute

Piccolo

10. Which of these instruments would you need a lot of breath to play?

Violin

Tuba

Piano

Double bass

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A family of instruments are similar to each other - they may look similar, be made of similar materials or be played in the same way

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Although these instruments were often made of other materials such as horn, wood and shell, the modern members of the brass family are usually made of - brass!

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In the past, flutes were made of wood, as were the other members of the woodwind family

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Xylophones and castanets both belong to the percussion family

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A piano has wire strings, although you can't always see them, unlike the strings of harps and the double bass

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An untuned instrument cannot be made to play a chosen pitch - you could not play a scale on an untuned instrument

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The piccolo is the smallest member of the woodwind family and can therefore play the highest pitch

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- Violin
- Tuba
- Piano
- Double bass