

Max's Orchestra Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To classify musical instruments into the four main orchestral families: Strings, Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion.

Max the monkey has been busy organising the BookFlik music room! He has a list of instruments, but he has muddled them all up. Use the word bank to help Max sort each instrument into its correct family. Write the name of the instrument in the box that matches its family description.

Word bank: Violin · Flute · Trumpet · Snare Drum · Cello · Clarinet · Trombone · Cymbals · Double Bass · Oboe · French Horn · Bass Drum

1. 1. Strings: Instruments that make sound by vibrating strings. Which three instruments belong here? (3 marks)

2. 2. Woodwind: Instruments that usually use a reed or a mouthpiece to make sound. Which three instruments belong here? (3 marks)

3. 3. Brass: Instruments made of metal that you play by buzzing your lips into a mouthpiece. Which three instruments belong here? (3 marks)

4. 4. Percussion: Instruments that you strike, shake, or scrape to create a rhythm. Which three instruments belong here? (3 marks)

5. 5. Max wants to buy a small triangle for the percussion section, but it costs £4.50. If he pays with a £5.00 note, how much change should he get back? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favorite musical instrument and label which family it belongs to. If you could invent a brand new instrument, what would it look like and how would it make a sound?



Extension challenge: Research one instrument from each family. Find out one interesting fact about how it is played or what it is made of. Could you play it differently to change the pitch or volume?