

Orchestral Adventures with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey is putting together a jungle orchestra! Follow the drawing prompts below to help Max arrange his ensemble. Use the word bank to label your instruments correctly.

Draw: Create a large, colourful scene featuring Max the Monkey standing in the middle of a stage. Around Max, draw four distinct sections for the instruments: Strings (left), Woodwind (top), Brass (bottom), and Percussion (right). Use clear lines and ensure each instrument is recognisable. Add musical notes floating in the air around the instruments to show that the orchestra is playing a melody.



Label words: Violin · Flute · Trumpet · Snare Drum · Cello · Clarinet · Tuba · Cymbals

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a string instrument in the top left corner of your page and label it.
2. Step 2: Draw a woodwind instrument next to your string instrument and label it.
3. Step 3: Draw a brass instrument in the bottom left corner and label it.
4. Step 4: Draw a percussion instrument in the bottom right corner and label it.
5. Explain one difference between how a string instrument makes a sound compared to a brass instrument.