

The Orchestra Expedition with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and classify musical instruments into four main families: strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion.

Max the Monkey is trying to organise the instruments for a jungle concert, but he has mixed them all up! Look at the list of instruments below and sort them into their correct musical families. Use the word bank to help you label each one correctly.

Word bank: Violin · Flute · Trumpet · Snare Drum · Cello · Clarinet · Trombone · Cymbals · Harp · Bassoon · French Horn · Triangle

1. Identify the four string instruments from the word bank and explain how the sound is produced on these instruments. (2 marks)

2. Which three instruments from the list belong to the woodwind family? (2 marks)

3. Max has a brass instrument that uses a slide to change the pitch. Which instrument is it? (1 mark)

4. Describe the difference between how sound is made on a Snare Drum compared to a Trumpet. (2 marks)

5. If Max wanted to buy a new Triangle for his band and it cost £12.50, how much change would he get from a £20 note? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite musical instrument in the centre of the page and label which family it belongs to (e.g., Strings, Woodwind, Brass, or Percussion).



Extension challenge: Research one 'unusual' instrument that is not in the list (such as a Harpsichord or a Tuba). Write down which family it belongs to and one interesting fact about how it sounds.