

Max's Musical Instruments Flashcards

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

Read the front of the card to see the instrument name or description. Try to guess the family it belongs to before checking the answer on the right side of the card.

Violin

Strings family. It produces sound by vibrating strings pulled by a bow.

Flute

Woodwind family. Sound is produced by blowing air across an opening.

Trumpet

Brass family. This instrument uses valves and is played by buzzing lips into a mouthpiece.

Snare Drum

Percussion family. It is played by striking the surface with a stick or mallet.

Cello

Strings family. A large string instrument played while seated, resting on the floor.

Clarinet

Woodwind family. It uses a thin piece of cane called a reed to create sound.

Trombone

Brass family. It uses a sliding mechanism to change the length of the tubing and the pitch.

Xylophone

Percussion family. It has wooden bars that are struck with mallets to create musical notes.

Harp

Strings family. A large instrument with many strings that are plucked with the fingers.

French Horn

Brass family. A circular metal instrument that produces a mellow, deep sound.

Oboe

Woodwind family. A double-reed instrument that is often used to tune the orchestra.

Cymbals

Percussion family. Two large metal plates that are crashed together to create a loud sound.