

Listen Up!

An **orchestra** is a large group of musicians who play together on a variety of string, wind and percussion instruments.

Leading the group of musicians is the **conductor**.

Let's explore the instruments of the orchestra.



https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments_orchestra.php

Click on each different coloured section to hear the families of instruments play.

Facts

The instruments of the orchestra are organised into families:

Strings – String Instruments use vibrating strings to make their sound. The violin is an example of a string instrument.



Woodwind – Woodwind instruments are made of a long hollow tube of wood or metal. The sound is made by blowing air through a very thin piece of shaved wood called a reed, or across a small mouthpiece. The clarinet is an example of a woodwind instrument.



Brass – Brass instruments are wind instruments made of metal with a cup shaped mouthpiece. The tuba is an example of a brass instrument.



Percussion – Percussion instruments are played by being struck or shaken. A snare drum is an example of a percussion instrument.

Explore

Draw a line from each instrument to its family name.



BRASS
WOODWIND
PERCUSSION
STRING



Can you name each instrument?

Extras

Find the name of another instrument in the **Brass** family.

Find the name of another instrument in the **Percussion** family

Find the name of another instrument in the **Woodwind** family.

To which family does the **XYLOPHONE** belong?



This is an **Oboe**.
Find out which orchestral family it belongs to.
Can you find out three other facts about this instrument?



Challenge

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGDh3_I55ug

Here are 15 musical excerpts played by different instruments of the Orchestra.

Can you name each instrument and the family that it belongs to?

Use the picture to help you find the answers.

