



Elementary Music Virtual Learning

Kindergarten Lesson

Instrument Families-Identifying

April 14, 2020



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Lesson: April 6, 2020

Learning Target:

Students will be able to identify the four instrument families and instruments within those families.

Warm-Up: Click on the link below to start learning and listening to the instruments of the orchestra.

[Musical Instruments-BrainPop Jr.](#)

[George Meets the Orchestra-An Introduction to the Orchestra for Children](#)

Background: There are four instruments families



Woodwind Family



Brass Family

String Family



Percussion Family



Practice #1: Woodwind Family

Instruments in this family are tube shaped and usually made out of wood. These instruments are played by blowing air into a mouthpiece, which causes the tube to vibrate. The vibrations create the sound you hear. Can you match the instrument picture to the correct name?

1. Piccolo
2. Flute
3. Oboe
4. Clarinet
5. Basson

A.



C.



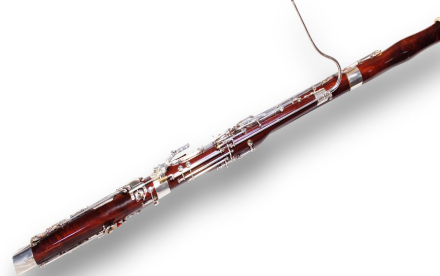
E.



B.



D.



The answers are on the next slide

Check your work!

The correct answers were:

1. Piccolo=C



2. Flute=A



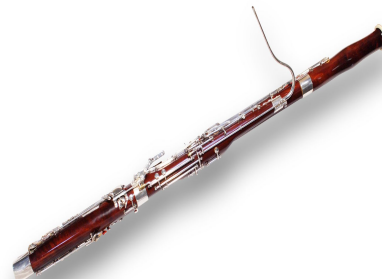
3. Oboe=B



4. Clarinet= E



5. Bassoon=D



Practice #2: Brass Family

Instruments in this family are made of metal called Brass, which gives them a golden or yellow color. These instruments are played by blowing air into a mouthpiece and buzzing your lips. Can you buzz your lips? Try it!
Can you match the instrument pictures to the correct name?

1. Trumpet
2. French Horn
3. Trombone
4. Tuba

A.



C.



B.



D.



The answers are on the next slide

Check your work!

The correct answers were:

1. Trumpet=C



3. Trombone=B



2. French Horn=D



4. Tuba=A



Practice #3: String Family

Instruments in this family use strings to play. Musicians can “pluck” the strings by pulling on them with their fingers or use a bow to move across the strings. This causes the strings to vibrate, which creates the sound you hear. The string instruments are:

1. Violin
2. Viola
3. Cello
4. Double Bass
5. Harp

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



The answers are on the next slide

Check your work!

The correct answers were:

1. Violin=E



2. Viola=B



3. Cello=D



4. Double Bass= A



5. Harp=C



Practice #4: Percussion Family

Instruments in this family are played by shaking, scrapping, or striking (hitting) them. Instruments in this family don't usually look alike. This is the largest instrument family, because there are so many instruments you can play by shaking, scrapping, or striking. Can you match the instrument pictures to the correct name?

1. Snare Drum
2. Bass Drum
3. Tambourine
4. Triangle
5. Claves
6. Timpani
7. Xylophone
8. Cymbals

The answers are on the next slide

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.



G.



H.



Check your work!

The correct answers were:

1. Snare Drum=C



2. Bass Drum= G



3. Tambourine=E



4. Triangle=H



5. Claves=B



6. Timpani=F



7. Xylophone= A



8. Cymbals=D



Brain Break!

Let's get up and do a *Move It* activity. Click on the link and follow along with the movements.

[Symphony #1 "Gavotte"-Sergei Prokofiev](#)

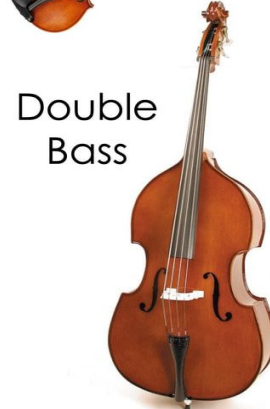
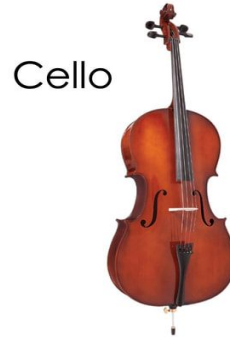
Practice on your own:

Can you identify each instrument family from the pictures below? Can you describe why each picture would be that instrument family?

1.



2.



More practice on your own:

Can you identify each instrument family from the pictures below? Can you describe why each picture would be that instrument family?

3.

Piccolo



Flute



Clarinet



Oboe



Bassoon



Saxophone



Recorder



4.

Xylophone



Claves



Triangle



Snare Drum



Cymbals



Tambourine



Maracas



Bass Drum



Piano



Timpani



Answers for instrument families/identification:



1. **Brass Family-**
 - a. Instruments are golden or yellow in color; made of brass.
 - b. Played by buzzing lips and blowing air into a mouthpiece.

2. **String Family-**
 - a. Instruments use strings to play
 - b. Played by plucking or using a bow

3. **Woodwind Family-**
 - a. Tube shaped instruments
 - b. Usually made of wood
 - c. Played by blowing air into a mouthpiece

4. **Percussion Family-**
 - a. Instruments are played by shaking, scraping, or striking

SongTale

Let's end our lesson with a songtale.
Click on the link to listen to the story.

[There Was a Man and He Was Mad](#)