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Read and match. Write the letters.

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| ___ 1 associate | a a long piece of music |
| ___ 2 distinctive | b to make or think of something completely new |
| ___ 3 carve | c very different from other things and easy to recognize |
| ___ 4 invent | d complicated or difficult |
| ___ 5 complex | e to make a connection between two things in your mind |
| ___ 6 composition | f to cut a piece of wood or stone |

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Read and complete using the words in the box. Then listen and check.

concerts flutes plastic sounds unusual

Unique Musical Instruments

Every culture has musical instruments that are unique to it. The instruments are often made from a variety of materials such as wood, steel, animal bones, and ¹ _____. Many people are proud of the musical instruments that are associated with their cultures. Often these instruments make distinctive sounds, too—like no other sound that you’ve heard before. In Vienna, there’s an orchestra that’s really unique, because it plays instruments from the things your mother tells you to eat every day. The Vienna Vegetable Orchestra plays instruments made out of vegetables! Can you imagine the unique sounds they make?



The eleven musicians in the Vienna Vegetable Orchestra play carrot ² _____, radish horns, pepper rattlers, carrot trumpets, eggplant clappers, pumpkin bongos, and cucumber phones. The orchestra plays contemporary, jazz, and electronic music, among other styles. They play ³ _____ around the world. At the end of their concerts, the members of the audience receive a bowl of vegetable soup to enjoy. So, not only do you get to hear ⁴ _____ music, but you get to taste something delicious, too! The third album of the Vienna Vegetable Orchestra is called *Onionoise* and includes songs entitled “Nightshades” and “Transplants.” Can you think of any other suitable titles for their compositions?

Why did this group of visual artists, poets, designers, and writers choose vegetables to create music? They were fascinated by the challenge to produce musical ⁵ _____ using natural foods. They constantly experiment with vegetables to create new and complex sounds. As part of their work, they give workshops on how to create instruments from vegetables. A morning TV program said it was, “...a highly unusual, tasty performance.”

You knew vegetables were good for you. Now you know that they sound good, too! What’s your favorite vegetable? Can you think of a musical instrument that you could make out of it?

