

Orchestral instruments

STRINGS

- Violin



- Viola



- Cello



- Double bass



- Harp



BRASS

- Trumpet



- French Horn



- Trombone



- Tuba



WOODWIND

- Piccolo

A half sized flute which plays an octave higher than a flute.



- Flute



- Oboe



- Clarinet

Uses single reed



- Saxophone

Use single reed



- Bassoon

Lowest WOODWIND instr. – uses double reed



- Recorder



TUNED PERCUSSION

- Timpani
- Glockenspiel - metal
- Xylophone - wooden



UNTUNED PERCUSSION

- Bass drum



- Snare drum



- Cymbals



- Hi-hat



- Bongo drums



- Guiro



- Tambourine



- Castanets



NON- ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS

- Acoustic guitar
- Electric guitar
- Bass guitar
- Panpipes (Latin American)

Pipes which are graded in size and are bound together. The sound is made by blowing across the top of the pipes



- Sitar (Indian)
A plucked string instrument from India



- Tabla (Indian)
Two Indian drums



- Accordion



- Fiddle



- Bagpipes



- Clarsach



- Bodhran



INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

- Arco
- Pizzicato
- Con sordino/ muted

Using a device which changes/ the sound of an instrument. Brass instruments and string instruments can use mutes.

- Flutter-tonguing

A method of playing a woodwind or brass instrument where the player rolls the letter r.

- Rolls

Very fast repetition of a note on a percussion instrument (e.g. snare)

- Distortion

An electronic effect used in rock music to colour the sound of an electric guitar.

- Reverb

An electronic effect which can give the impression of different hall acoustics. For example, reverb can make a piece of music sound as if the performance is taking place in a cathedral.

INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

- Brass Band

A band with brass and percussion instruments

- Wind band

A band with woodwind, brass and percussion instruments

- Steel band

A West Indian band whose instruments are made out of oil drums called pans. The top of each drum is hammered into panels to make different pitches

- Scottish Dance Band

A band which plays Scottish music for people to dance to. The instruments may include fiddle, accordion, piano and drum kit.

- Folk Group

A group of singers and instrumentalists who perform traditional music from a particular country (e.g. Scotland)