

1. Complete the sentences.

1. A person who plays the violin is a _____.
a) composer b) violinist c) pianist
2. A person who stands in front of the orchestra is a _____.
a) conductor b) composer c) guitarist
3. A person who writes music is a _____.
a) compositor b) conductor c) composer
4. A song that is very popular is called _____.
a) single b) hit c) album
5. A group of musicians who play music together is called _____.
a) album b) band c) lead singer
6. The most important singer is a _____.
a) lead singer b) back singer c) number one

2. Read the text and answer the questions below.

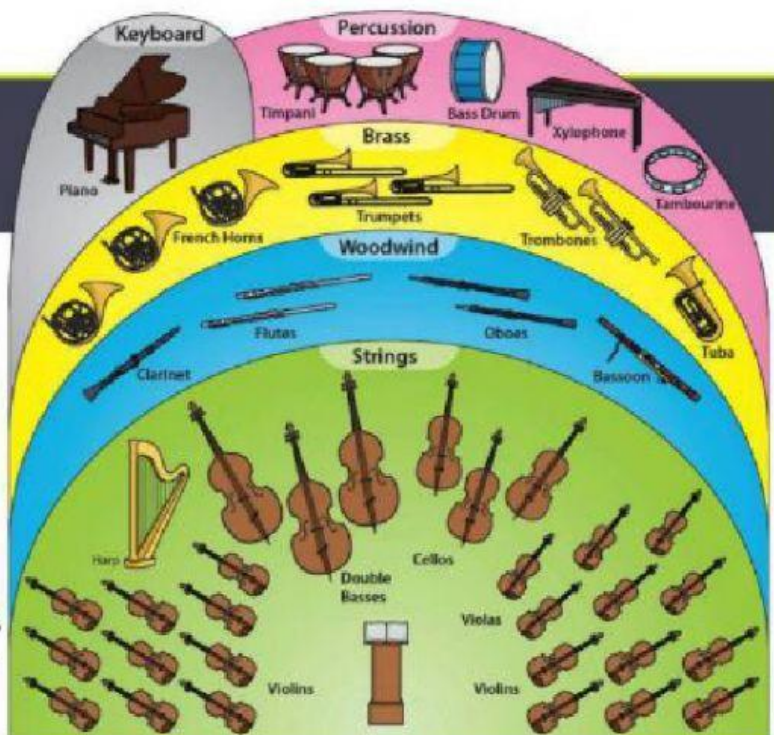


The Orchestra

This is a symphony orchestra. There are usually between eighty and a hundred musicians in an orchestra like this. A chamber orchestra is smaller and has about thirty-five to fifty musicians. Both symphony and chamber orchestras play classical music, but chamber orchestras often play music by eighteenth-century composers like Bach and Mozart.

An orchestra has four main instrument families in it: the strings (the violins, violas, cellos and double basses), the woodwind (for example, the flutes, oboes, clarinets and bassoons), the brass (the French horns, trumpets, trombones and tubas) and the percussion (for example, the timpani and the bass drum).

Perhaps the most important instrument in the orchestra is the violin, the smallest of the string instruments. In a modern symphony orchestra there are usually thirty violins. The violinists work in two groups. The first violins (16 players) usually play the main melody of a piece. The second violins (14 players) play other melodies to support the first violins.



Most symphony orchestras work with a conductor. Conductors study the music and decide the best way to play it. During a concert, they move their arms and hands to show the musicians when to start and stop playing, how loudly or softly to play, and how fast or slow the music should be. They stand at the front of the orchestra and use a thin stick called a 'baton' to conduct the music.

1 Which two composers does the article mention?

Bach and Mozart

2 What are the four main instrument families in an orchestra?

3 Give one example for each instrument family.

4 Which is the smallest string instrument in the orchestra?

5 How many violins are there in a modern symphony orchestra?

6 What does a conductor use to conduct an orchestra?

3. Listen! Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE?

1. The Big Music Festival takes place in a park.

2. Sarah goes to the festival every year with her family.

3. She doesn't go if it's raining.

4. You can hear musicians from all over the world at the Lucerne festival.

5. Liam is going to play Sarah a DVD.

4. Rewrite the sentences into Passive.

1. Mozart composed this beautiful music.

2. The band introduced their new album last week.

3. The musician played piano sonatas at the concert.

4. They decorated the stage in blue and yellow.