

# 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*

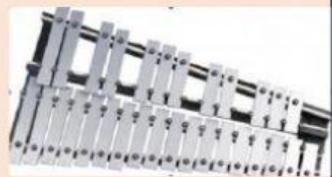


- Recorder



## 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)*