

Watch the video and complete the text:



An orchestra is a group of \_\_\_\_\_ that play together. The person who leads the orchestra is called a \_\_\_\_\_. He/she prepares the orchestra in the rehearsals and leads them on concert nights. The conductor waves his/her \_\_\_\_\_ or uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to express what he/she wants them to do and make sure the musicians play in time and in \_\_\_\_\_.



There are many instruments in an orchestra. Each instrument belongs to one of the four sections or \_\_\_\_\_ of instruments. The double bass, \_\_\_\_\_, viola and violin belong to the string family. These instruments have four \_\_\_\_\_ and you can play them by plucking them or using a \_\_\_\_\_. The harp also belongs to this family. Trombones, trumpets, tubas and horns belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ family and they are quite \_\_\_\_\_. Bassoons, clarinets, oboes, flutes... belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ family, and they are played by blowing into a little piece called reed. The \_\_\_\_\_ family is very big and it includes lots of different instruments: drums, xylophones, timpani, cymbals, bells... To play percussion instruments, you can scratch, strike or \_\_\_\_\_ them. Percussionists use their hands and also different types of drumsticks or mallets.



Each group of instruments plays its part, but sometimes an instrument plays solo parts. And the magic happens when all the instruments combine and start "telling you a story"...

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