

Chordophones

Since ancient times, stringed instruments, **chordophones**, have been used to produce music. Sound is created through vibrating strings. What types of **chordophones** do you know?

Nearly all chordophones are made of strings stretched across a **resonator** (the hollow part of the instrument that vibrates along with the strings, making them sound more musical. Does this make you think of other chordophones?

Listen to track 5. We will listen first to determine the cultural origin of the music. Then the second time through, we will try to hum along with the **melody**.

Chinese music uses a **pentatonic** scale. This is a scale with only 5 notes as opposed to the major scale we began to learn when playing the recorder. That scale had 7 notes. What notes are they?

Now we will listen to track 6. How is the **timbre** different from track 5? The second time through, we will tap out the **beat** of the Middle Eastern *oud* rhythm.



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