



Name _____ Class _____ Date Due _____



S1 Homework (4): Orchestra

Read through the following paragraphs on the Instruments of the Orchestra, and fill in the missing words using the words provided in the box below. Each word should only be used once.

brass	tambourine	violin	mouthpiece	tuba
pizzicato	French horn	strings	flutes	bass
viola	woodwind	slide	glockenspiel	bow
bassoons	reed	jazz	unpitched	21
trombone	piccolo	pitch	percussion	clarinet

1. An orchestra is made up of four main families - they are _____, _____, _____ and _____.
2. The string section is the largest of these families which include violin, _____, cello and double bass. The _____ is the highest and smallest of these instruments and the double bass is the largest and lowest of the string section. All four instruments can be played in two different ways, with a _____, or being plucked. This is called _____.
3. The woodwind family consists of _____, oboes, clarinets and _____. In order for a sound to be produced from a wind instrument, air has to be blown into the _____. The instrument which plays an octave higher than the flute is the _____. The oboe and bassoon both have two pieces of cane attached to the mouthpiece - these instruments are called double _____ instruments. The _____ is very versatile and can play various styles of music such as _____ music.
4. The four common instruments in the brass family are trumpet, _____, _____ and tuba. The majority of brass instruments use valves to change the _____ of notes. The trombone however, uses a _____ to change from one note to the next. An interesting fact about the French horn is that it is made up of more than _____ feet of tubing, whereas the largest of the family, the _____, uses 18 feet of tubing.
5. The percussion family can be divided into two categories - pitched and _____ percussion. _____ is an example of a pitched percussion instrument, and they have bars made of metal. The timpani can be tuned using foot pedals and this alters the pitch. There are two types of drums in the percussion family and they are the snare drum and the _____ drum. An example of an unpitched percussion instrument is a _____.