

# The String Quartet

The instruments in a string quartet are all part of the string family. The word, “quartet,” means there are 4 players. “String” means the instruments have strings that can be bowed, plucked or struck. A string quartet consists of two violins, one viola and one cello. The double bass is **NOT** part of the string quartet, though it is an important member of the string family. The highest sounding string instrument is the violin, followed by the viola, cello and then, double bass. The string quartet is a very popular group with thousands of pieces of music written for it.

1. How many players are in a string quartet?
2. Which string instrument is NOT part of the string quartet?
3. Which string instrument makes the highest sound?
4. Which string instrument makes the lowest sound?