MUSIC THEORY · INSTRUMENT FAMILIES · GRADES 2–5

Instrument Riddles

Read each riddle and write the instrument from the word bank.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Word bank

flute · harp · piano · triangle · trombone · tuba · violin · xylophone

Who am I? Write the instrument.

I have 88 black and white keys.

_____

I am made of brass. I change notes with a long slide.

_____

I am a woodwind with no reed. You hold me sideways and blow across a hole.

_____

I am tall and I have many strings. You pluck me with both hands.

_____

I am a metal bar bent into three sides. Tap me and I ring.

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I am the biggest brass instrument and I play the lowest notes.

_____

I am the smallest string instrument in the orchestra. You tuck me under your chin.

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My wooden bars are lined up like piano keys. You hit them with mallets.

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ANSWER KEY · INSTRUMENT FAMILIES · GRADES 2–5

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Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write or draw their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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