

## LC1 Meet the String Family April 20 – 24

Hi everybody, I hope you are doing well, I miss seeing you in class. This week I thought that we could look at the instruments of the String family. In the virtual lesson, I go over the violin, the viola, the cello, the double bass and the harp, as well as how each sound and how each are played.

In your work packet, you will find a worksheet, do your best to complete it, I have also included the answers to the questions. I have also included some additional, completely optional, music activities that you could also do.

Please let me know if you have any questions, my email is [csimpson@thewatsoninstitute-fa.org](mailto:csimpson@thewatsoninstitute-fa.org)

- Ms. Simpson, Music Instructor

# Meet the String Instruments

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Guided Notes

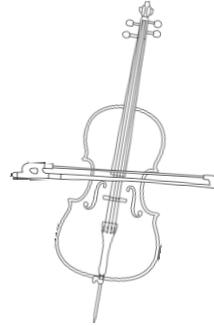
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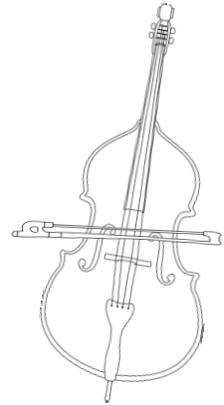
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2. Violins come in different sizes. True **OR** False (Circle answer)
3. Since the viola is slightly larger than the violin, it can play a little . . . . Lower **OR** Higher (Circle answer.)
4. The body of orchestral string instruments is usually made out of what types of wood?

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4. What other names is the double bass often called? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Circle the instrument which can play lower. Cello **OR** Double Bass

6. What material is an instrument bow usually strung with? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How does a string player create a pizzicato technique? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The harp is a relatively new instrument. True **OR** False (Circle answer.)



10. What style of music do string instruments play? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. If you had a chance to learn to play a string instrument, which one would you choose. (Circle one)

violin

viola

cello

double  
bass

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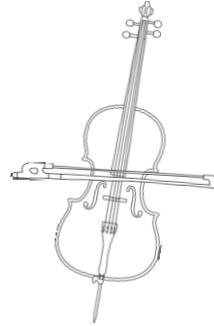
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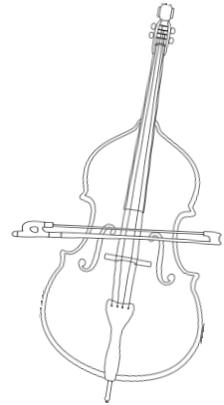
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**double bass**

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3. Since the viola is slightly larger than the violin, it can play a little . . . . **Lower** OR Higher (Circle answer.)

4. The body of orchestral string instruments is usually made out of what types of wood?

**maple or spruce**

4. What other names is the double bass often called? **string bass or bass**

5. Circle the instrument which can play lower. Cello OR **Double Bass**

6. What material is an instrument bow usually strung with? **horse hair (from the tail of a horse)**

7. How does a string player create a pizzicato technique? **by plucking the strings with their fingers**

9. The harp is a relatively new instrument. True OR **False** (Circle answer.)



10. What style of music do string instruments play? **String instruments can play any style of music - country, bluegrass, jazz, rock, classical, etc.**

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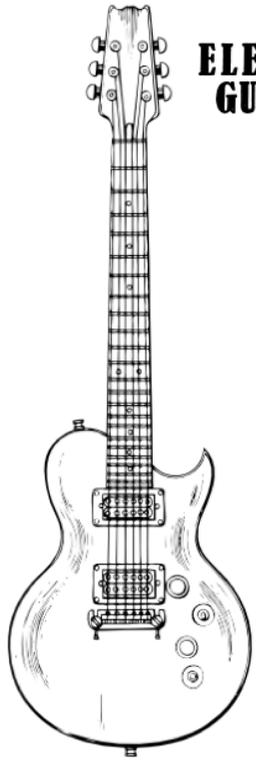
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**Answers will vary.**

# THE STRING FAMILY



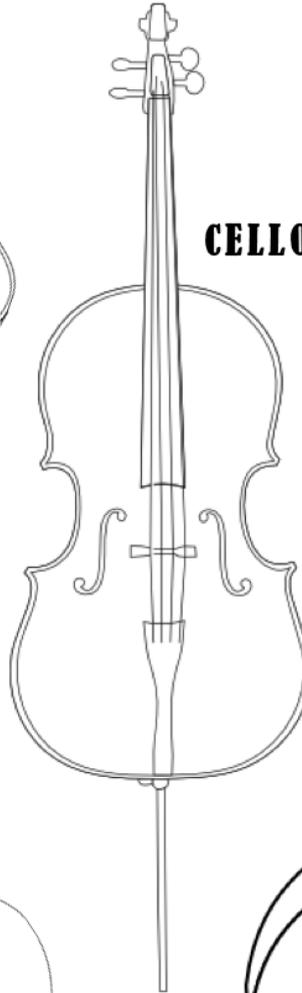
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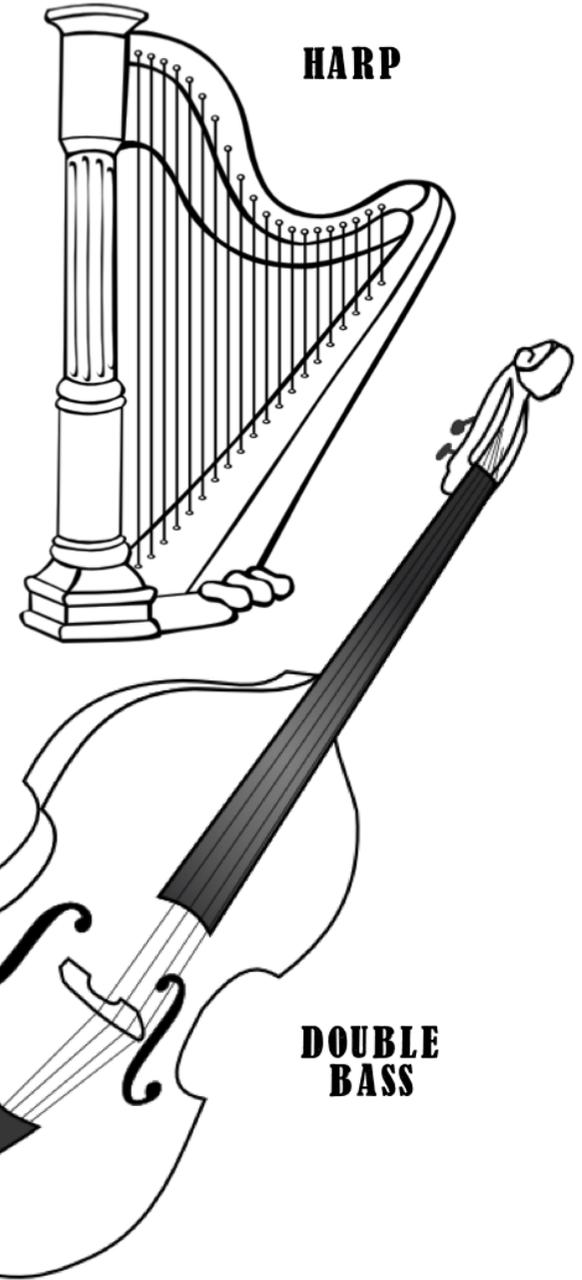
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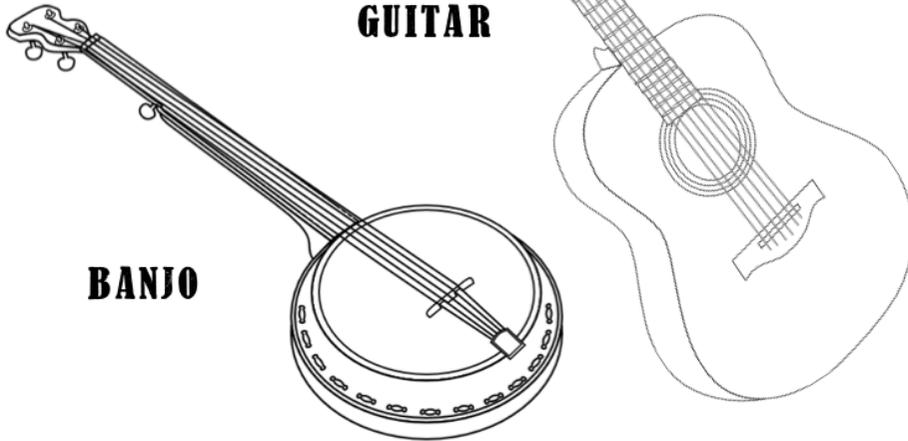
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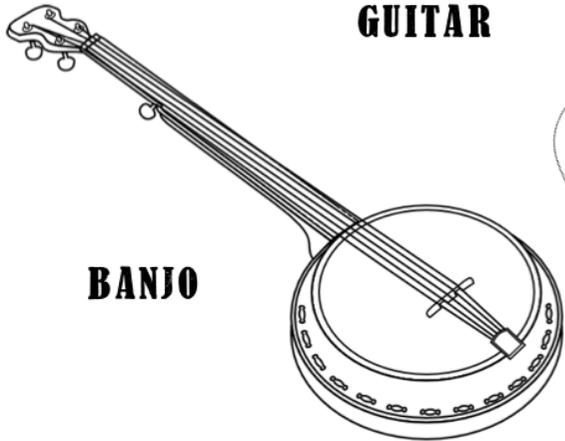
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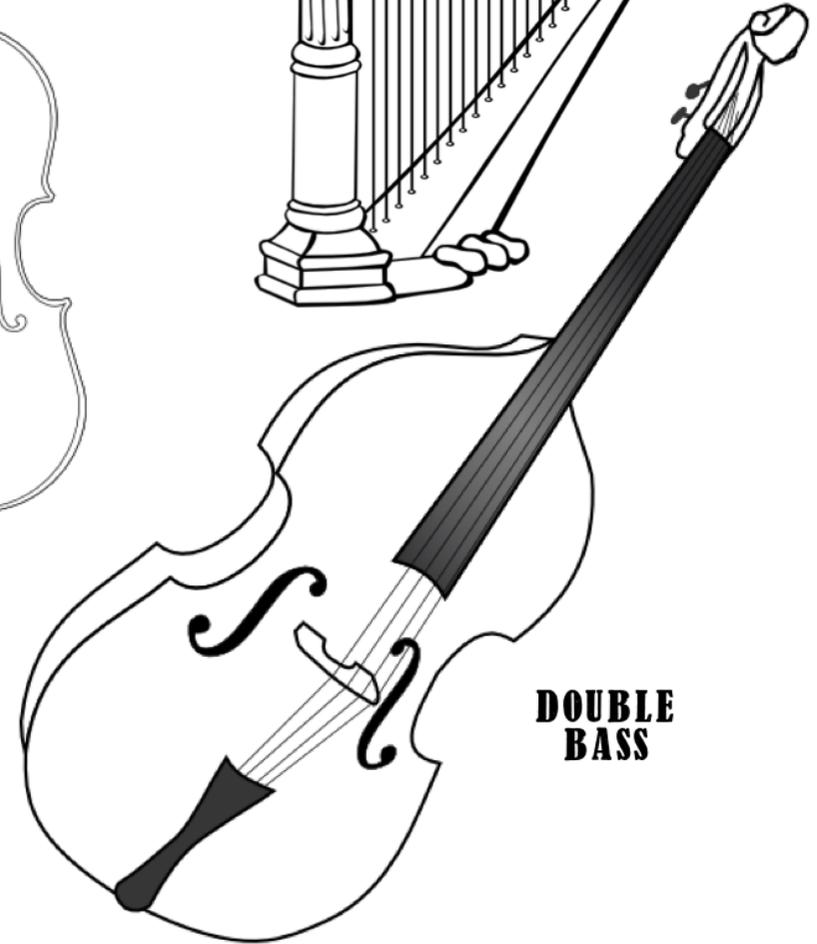
**HARP**



**GUITAR**



**BANJO**



**DOUBLE BASS**

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### Make Some Noise!

- \* Make a rhythm band with pots and pans
- \* Body percussion, Water Glasses- what makes good sounds?
- \* Create Instruments out of the recycling (Rubber bands, bottles, etc.)
- \* Put on a family show! Give your pets a concert!
- \* Take the show on the road- play or sing for a neighbor.

### Shh, Listen.

- \* Make a paper playlist to share songs with friends
- \* Take a family nature walk- make note of the sounds around you.
- \* Deep listening to a song: Identify the instruments, identify the structure
- \* Vocal transcriptions- Listen to a melody in a song, memorize it, sing it.

### Get curious.

- \* Call an older family member, ask them what their favorite songs were as children. Ask if they will teach you them.
- \* Ask someone in the house what their favorite song is and why. Listen Together
- \* Play musical bingo! (Google one, or make your own!)

With love,

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