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2) The Double Bass sounds a full ____________ below the cello.

3) Circle one: The smaller / bigger the instrument, the lower the notes it can play.

4) Before Bass strings were made out of steel, they were made out of ________________.

5) Can you name some of the other names Chris said for a Double Bass?
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6) Discuss the different ways that the bass is used within the orchestra.
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Double Bass

Vocabulary

- **String Family**: The String Family is the largest family in the entire orchestra consisting of the violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

- **Pizzicato**: a playing technique that involves plucking the strings of a string instrument

- **Octave**: the distance between two musical notes that have the same letter name

**Further Listening:**

Strauss *Also sprach Zarathustra*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETveS23djXM

Beethoven *Symphony No. 5 Movement III*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYQ0Zaelmt0

Hear bassist Edgar Meyer play the

Bottesini *Concerto for Double Bass No. 2 in B minor*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQgs7m3gkgU

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