

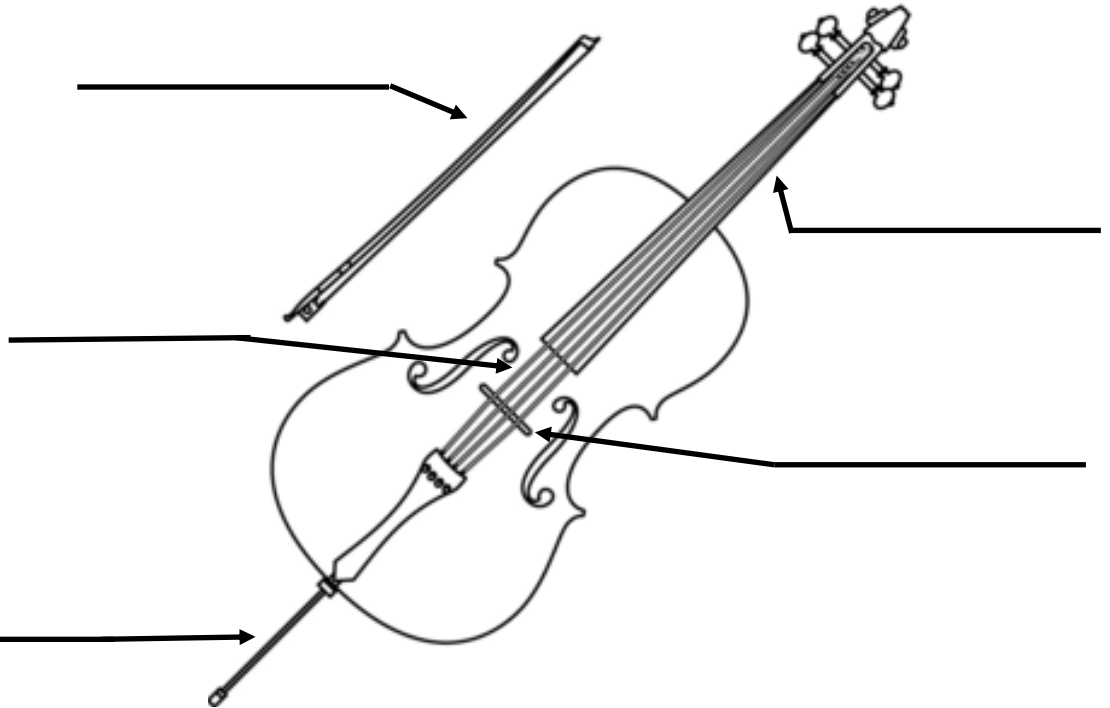
Cello



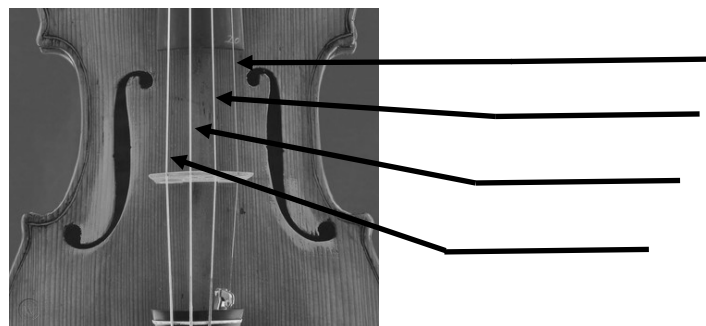
Label the parts of the Cello.

Word Bank:

- Fingerboard
- Strings
- Bridge
- Endpin
- Bow



- 1) The Cello is a member of the String Family. When were string instruments first made? _____
- 2) The bow is made out of _____ and _____.
- 3) Fingers press down on the string against the _____.
- 4) Can you label the 4 strings of the cello below?



- 5) Mike mentioned two types of bowing—legato and spiccato—how do they sound different?

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Vocabulary



- String Family: The String Family is the largest family in the entire orchestra consisting of the violin, viola, cello, and double bass
- Legato: in a smooth flowing manner, without breaks between notes
- Spiccato: a bowing technique in which the bow bounces lightly upon the string
- Minuet: a slow ballroom dance in three
- Composer: a person who writes music
- Bowing: the technique of managing the bow in playing a stringed instrument

Further Listening:

Hear cellist Yo-Yo Ma play the

Saint-Saëns *Carnival of the Animals, The Swan*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qrKjywjo7Q>

and the Bach *Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGgG-0lOJjk>

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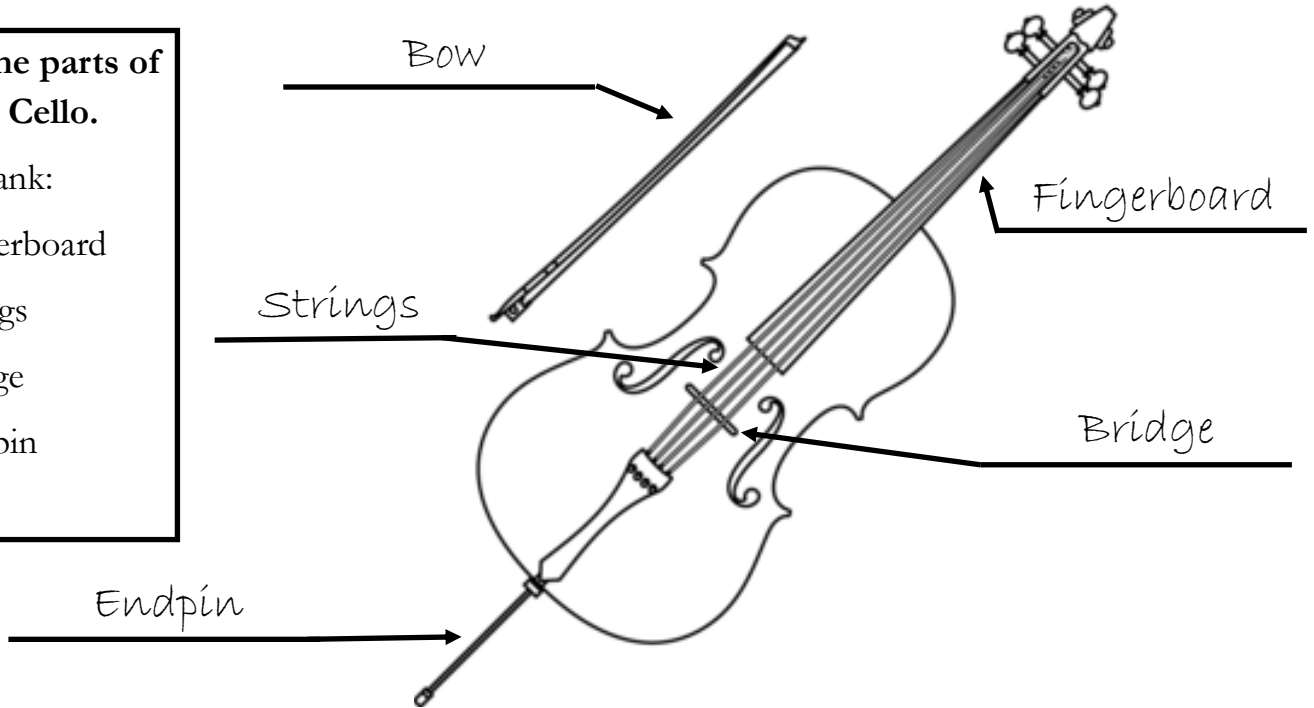
Answer Key



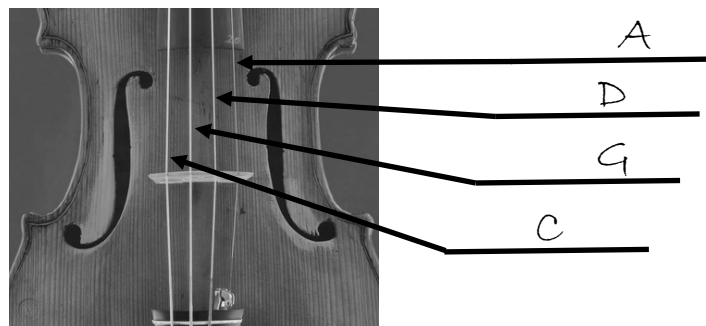
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- 1) The Cello is a member of the String Family. When were string instruments first made? 1500s
- 2) The bow is made out of wood and horse hair.
- 3) Fingers press down on the string against the fingerboard.
- 4) Can you label the 4 strings of the cello below?



- 5) Mike mentioned two types of bowing—legato and spiccato—how do they sound different?
Think about how fast and slow the bow was. Were the notes separated or smooth?

