



Vocabulary List

- Amplify: to make sound louder
- Bowing: the technique of managing the bow in playing a stringed instrument
- Brass Family: The Brass Family consists of four instruments. The Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, and Tuba. Brass players create sound in their instrument by buzzing/vibrating their lips in the mouthpiece
- Chord: a group of notes sounded together to form a harmony
- Composer: a person who writes music
- Double stop: the playing of two notes at once on a bowed string instrument
- Fanfare: a short ceremonial tune, typically played to introduce someone important
- Fife: a small flute, similar to the piccolo, that was often used in Fife and Drum Corps, military bands, and marching bands
- Glissando: a continuous slide up or down between two notes
- Hoedown: a type of American folk dance or square dance
- Irish Jig: a form of lively folk dance
- Legato: in a smooth flowing manner, without breaks between notes
- Lyrical: beautifully expressing deep emotion
- Mechanisms: a set of parts working together
- Melody: a group of notes of various pitches which are played one after another. Together they make a tune in the same way that a group of words make a sentence.
- Minuet: a slow ballroom dance in three

- Mouthpiece: the part of the instrument placed on the player's lips. The mouthpiece is a circular opening that leads to the main body of the instrument.
- Octave: the distance between two musical notes that have the same letter name
- Oratorio: a piece of music for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra, that is usually based on a religious story
- Pitch: how high or low a tone is
- Pizzicato: a playing technique that involves plucking the strings of a string instrument
- Reed: a piece of thin cane used in various Woodwind instruments to vibrate and make sound
- Resonate: to produce a deep, full, reverberating (echoing) sound
- Spiccato: a bowing technique in which the bow bounces lightly upon the string
- String Family: The String Family is the largest family in the entire orchestra consisting of the violin, viola, cello, and double bass
- Tremolo: a trembling effect created by quickly repeating the note
- Woodwind Family: The Woodwind family consists of the flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, and bassoon. There are two types of woodwind instruments: flutes and reed instruments.