

5th & 6th Class
Music



Pitch Perfect

When it comes to the instruments in the orchestra, it is usually the case that the bigger the instrument the lower the note and the smaller the instrument the higher the note. The term for how high or low a note is in music is **pitch**.

You may have noticed in the Carnival of the Animals, that the composer Camille Saint-Saëns very cleverly used high notes for most of the small animals (like the fish in the aquarium) and low notes for bigger animals (like the elephant).

Have a look at these instruments and write whether you think their pitch is usually **high** or **low**.



The double bass has a _____ pitch.



The flute has a _____ pitch.



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Have a look at these instruments and write whether you think their pitch is usually **high** or **low**.



The violin has a _____ pitch.



The timpani have a _____ pitch.



The bassoon has a _____ pitch.



Jokes

What types of songs do planets sing?

Nep-tunes.

What makes music on your hair?

A headband.

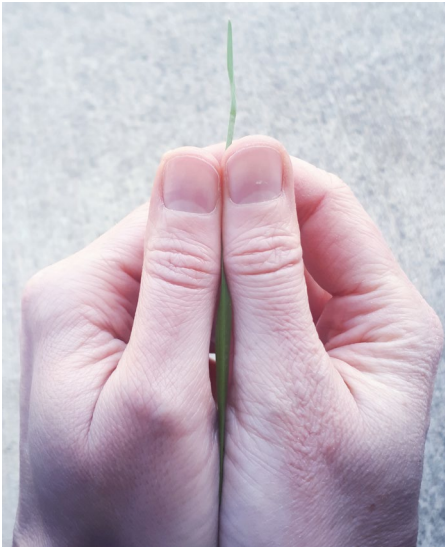
What type of music are balloons afraid of?

Pop music.



Notes From Nature

A grass whistle is quick to make and a fun thing to do to make music when you're outside. It also sounds rather like a hen or rooster! All you need is a strong blade of grass, two thumbs and a mouth.



- 01** Pinch the top of the blade of grass between your two thumbs then stretch it down between the pads of your palms under your thumbs. Fold the rest of your fingers over, in a loose clasp.
- 02** Blow into the gap between your thumbs, so the air flows over the grass and it vibrates. You should hear a whistling sound.
- 03** If you don't hear anything, move the blade of grass a little, make sure it's stretched but not so tight that it breaks, and try again. It might take a bit of practice, but you'll soon get the hang of it!