

LESSON 6

STRING INSTRUMENTS

Plucked String Instruments

Musicians play some string instruments by plucking the strings with their fingers or a plectrum. In some keyboard instruments, such as the harpsichord, the musician presses a key that plucks the string. A wide variety of techniques are used to sound notes on the electric guitar, including plucking with the fingernails or a plectrum, strumming and even "tapping" on the fingerboard and using feedback from a loud, distorted guitar amplifier to produce a sustained sound. Some string instruments are mainly plucked, such as the harp and the electric bass.

Struck/Hammered String Instruments

Musicians play others by hitting the strings with a light wooden hammer. Other musical instruments generate sound by striking the string, such as the piano.

Bowed String Instruments

Musicians play other by rubbing the strings with a bow. The strings are the largest family of instruments in the orchestra by numbers and they come in four sizes: the violin, which is the smallest, viola, cello, and the biggest, the double bass, sometimes called the contrabass. All the bowed string instruments can also be plucked with the fingers, a technique called "pizzicato".

1. The string instrument family is divided into three categories:

2. Plucked String Instruments are being played by plucking the strings with fingers or a _____.

3. A wide variety of techniques are used to sound notes on the electric guitar, including _____

with the fingernails or a plectrum, strumming and even " _____ " on the fingerboard

4. Some string instruments are mainly plucked, such as the _____ and the electric bass.

5. Musicians play hammered string Instruments by hitting the strings with a light wooden _____.

6. Other musical instruments generate sound by striking the string, such as the _____.

7. The strings are the largest family of instruments in the orchestra by numbers and they come in four sizes:

8. The double bass is sometimes called the _____.

9. All bowed string instruments can also be plucked with the fingers, a technique called " _____ ".