

In this book you will notice some words are in **RED** this is because they are 'Musical words'. This section of the book will help you to understand those words and will start you on your way to being a musician yourself, just like frogbeat!

The Orchestra

Did you notice that the town in the story was called **Orchestra**? Well an orchestra is the name for a large group of musicians (bigger than frogbeat!) that all play together on different instruments, There are four sections in an orchestra ,Just like the town has four places!:

Percussion – This is where all the drummers are and any other instrument you hit!

Brass – This is for metal instruments that are played with a metal mouthpiece

Woodwind – All instruments that are played with a reed go here like the clarinet.

(A reed is a small piece of Wood that you blow down to make the sound)

Strings – This one is easy, any instrument with strings

(A piano has strings but they are hit with hammers by your fingers! So it can go in either strings *or* percussion)

Can you Match Frogbeats instruments to the right section of the orchestra?



WOODWIND



BRASS



PERCUSSION



STRINGS

NOTES (The musical kind)



Some of the characters in the book have musical names that mean types of notes. Here are the types of notes and how many beats each is worth. Can you match the correct note to the character?

4 BEATS



Semibreve

2 BEATS



Minim

1 BEAT



Crotchet

1/2 BEAT



Quaver



Other

MAJOR/MINOR - These are types of keys music can be in , Major sounds happy and minor sounds sad.

CRESCENDO – Getting louder

DIMINUENDO – Getting quieter

CADENZA - A brilliant solo passage occurring near the end of a piece of music

HARMONY - Musical notes that sound good when put together.

MELODY - The main tune of a piece of music.

BEAT – A way to keep time in music.

DUET – Two people singing or playing music at the same time.

TRIO – Three people singing or playing music at the same time.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN – Two famous composers of operas.

SOUND ENGINEER- Someone who controls the sound (like microphones and Speakers)

From the previous page and our story see if you can find the answers to the questions.

1) How many people are there in

- (a) a trio-----
- (b) a duet-----

2) Frogbeat had two friends named after famous composers
Can you name them?

- (a).....Guppie
- (b).....Seagull

3) Name the musical notes in our story

- (a) Mayor
- (b) Simon.....
- (c) Crab
- (d)Duck

4) What do we call a large number of people playing musical instruments?

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5) Name the four sections of the orchestra in our story

- (a)..... Pond
- (b)..... Barn
- (c)..... Willow
- (d)..... Studio

6) Can you remember the name of Frogbeat's carthorse friend?

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7) NiNi the rabbit controls the sound in a theatre
What do we call her?

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8) When we sing or play music we sometimes do it in
(Frogbeat's friends sang a good luck song in this way)

9) The conductor of an orchestra keeps the rhythm of the music by a
(Frogbeat rocked back and forth to this under the willow tree)

10) In our story Duet's dog was called Dominuendo
What does this mean?

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