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📕 Families are Alike and Different

Think about your family. You have different groups of people in your family. Some people are tall. Some people are small. Some people are old.





- These children play different kinds of musical instruments.
 - Musical instruments belong to different groups, too. Each group has many kinds of instruments. The instruments are alike in some ways. The instruments are different in some ways.
 - These girls and boys are playing their instruments in a performance. People listen to them play music. Each person plays an instrument. Each instrument belongs to a group. This book will tell you about each group.

String Instruments

Look at the string instruments. They are all the same in one way. They all have strings.

You can use a stick to play a musical tune on the strings. The stick is called a bow. You can use your fingers to play a tune, too.

These people play string instruments.





The strings make a vibration when they move.

How are string instruments different? Some string instruments are small. Other string instruments are very big. Look at this big instrument. You stand up to play this instrument.

Wind Instruments

- These children play wind instruments. They are all the same in one way. You must blow air into wind instruments to play music. The air is like the wind.
- You must concentrate to play a wind instrument. You must think about blowing a lot of air into the instrument. That is how you make a noise.



These children blow air into wind instruments.



- This man plays a tuba.
 - Different wind instruments make different sounds. A tuba is a really big wind instrument. A tuba has a creative shape. It looks like a big bell.
 - You need a lot of air to play a tuba. You must blow very, very hard! Then the tuba will make a very loud noise.

Drums

There are many kinds of drums. Drums add expression to music. Drums make music exciting! Drums give music a beat.

How are drums alike? All drums make a sound when you hit them.

How are drums different? Drums have many different shapes and sizes.

You can play some drums with your hands. You can tap a small drum to make a sound.









- The volume gets louder when you bang a drum hard.
- Many drums are hit with a stick. The stick is called a drumstick. Drumsticks can make different sounds.
- This drum is big and heavy. Some drummers use this drum when they march in a parade. Drummers carry the drum with a strap. Drummers are relieved, or glad, when the parade ends. Then they do not need to carry the drum anymore!

This picture shows more instruments. Do you see any string instruments? Do you see any wind instruments? Do you see any drums? Which instrument do you want to play?



Responding

TARGET SKILL Text and Graphic

Features What do the photos and labels in this book help you understand about instruments? Copy and complete the chart.

Page Number	Photo/Label	What it Shows
4	labels for bow, strings	different string instruments

Write About It

Text to Self You just read about different instruments. What kind of instrument would you like to play? Write a few sentences to tell why you picked it.

TARGET VOCABULARY

concentrate relieved

creative tune

expression vibration

performance volume

TARGET SKILL Text and Graphic

Features Tell how words go with photos.

- TARGET STRATEGY Question Ask questions about what you are reading.
- **GENRE Informational text** gives facts about a topic.

Level: L DRA: 24

Genre:

Informational Text

Strategy: Question

Skill:

Text and Graphic Features

Word Count: 446



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