

ENGLISH PLUS

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KEY

PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



MUSIC

THE ORCHESTRA

Music | The Orchestra

Comprehension

1. *Put the headings where they belong in the text.*

[1]

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- B. SECTIONS OF A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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- D. KINDS OF ORCHESTRAS
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Key Vocabulary Practice

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A _____ is a light, thin stick used by a conductor to conduct an orchestra or a choir.
11. ___ a. ACCOMPANY b. ACCOMMPANY c. ACCOMPANEE d. ACOMPANY
If you _____ a singer or a musician, you play one part of a piece of music while they sing or play the main tune.
12. ___ a. BRAS b. BRISS c. BRASSE d. BRASS
The _____ is the section of an orchestra which consists of _____ wind instruments such as trumpets and horns.
13. ___ a. SPLOT b. SPLITE c. SPLIT d. SPPLIT
If something _____s or if you _____ it, it is divided into two or more parts.
14. ___ a. PIRCUSSION b. PERCUSSION c. PERCUSION d. PERCUSSIONE
The _____ is the section of an orchestra which consists of _____ instruments such as drums and cymbals.

Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

15. ___ I have seen them play many times, but never as _____ly and flawlessly as tonight.
a. thrilling b. conductor c. split d. arrangement e. woodwind
16. ___ having or indicating might; powerful or strong
a. symphony b. mighty c. accompany d. percussion e. string
17. ___ If you _____ someone, you go somewhere with them.
a. brass b. brass c. arrangement d. accompany e. baton
18. ___ In athletics or track events, a _____ is a short stick that is passed from one runner to another in a relay race.
a. baton b. accompany c. percussion d. string e. split
19. ___ the family of instruments in which sound arises from the striking of materials with sticks, hammers, or the hands
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20. ___ A _____ between two things is a division or difference between them.
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21. ___ an extended composition for full orchestra, usually having several movements
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22. ___ of, relating to, or denoting a type of wind instrument, excluding the brass instruments, formerly made of wood but now often made of metal, such as the flute or clarinet
a. split b. thrilling c. accompany d. brass e. woodwind
23. ___ An _____ is an agreement that you make with someone to do something.
a. arrangement b. conductor c. mighty d. brass e. woodwind
24. ___ On a bus, the _____ is the person whose job is to help passengers and check tickets.
a. baton b. conductor c. accompany d. mighty e. percussion
25. ___ violins, violas, cellos, and double basses collectively
a. string b. thrilling c. split d. arrangement e. symphony
26. ___ the large family of wind instruments including the trumpet, trombone, French horn, etc, each consisting of a _____ tube blown directly by means of a cup- or funnel-shaped mouthpiece
a. thrilling b. conductor c. brass d. percussion e. woodwind

27. **Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.**

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Listening Practice | Intermediate

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| A. clarinet | B. instruments | C. violins |
| D. known | E. sounds | F. orchestra |
| G. members | H. important | I. where |
| J. right | K. orchestra | L. basses |
| M. together | N. ballet | O. carry |
| P. orchestras | Q. other | R. instruments |
| S. violas | T. musicians | U. plays |
| V. French | W. percussion | X. playing |
| Y. different | Z. several | AA. clarinets |

Listening Practice | Advanced

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ORCHESTRAS AROUND THE WORLD

Most of us think of a **symphony** orchestra that plays classical music when we hear the word [6] _____. But [7] _____ are other [8] _____ of orchestras in [9] _____ parts of the world. [10] _____, for [11] _____, has the gamelan. The [12] _____ is an orchestra made up of drums, [13] _____, gongs, [14] _____, and [15] _____ [16] _____ instruments. In Russia, a balalaika orchestra includes many different [17] _____ of stringed instruments [18] _____ balalaikas.

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[78] _____ orchestras and ballet [79] _____ have the same sections as symphony [80] _____. A standard [81] _____, opera, or [82] _____ orchestra has about 100 musicians.

Spelling Practice

30. In each line of text below there is one word that has been misspelled. Circle the misspelled word and then write the correct spelling of the word on the line on the right side of the page.

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Something that is _____ is very exciting and enjoyable.
10. a a. BATON b. BATOF c. BATTON d. BATEN
A _____ is a light, thin stick used by a conductor to conduct an orchestra or a choir.
11. a a. ACCOMPANY b. ACCOMMPANY c. ACCOMPANEE d. ACOMPANY
If you _____ a singer or a musician, you play one part of a piece of music while they sing or play the main tune.
12. d a. BRAS b. BRISS c. BRASSE d. BRASS
The _____ is the section of an orchestra which consists of _____ wind instruments such as trumpets and horns.
13. c a. SPLOT b. SPLITE c. SPLIT d. SPPLIT
If something _____s or if you _____ it, it is divided into two or more parts.
14. b a. PIRCUSSION b. PERCUSSION c. PERCUSION d. PERCUSSIONE
The _____ is the section of an orchestra which consists of _____ instruments such as drums and cymbals.

Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

15. a I have seen them play many times, but never as _____ly and flawlessly as tonight.
a. thrilling b. conductor c. split d. arrangement e. woodwind
16. b having or indicating might; powerful or strong
a. symphony b. mighty c. accompany d. percussion e. string
17. d If you _____ someone, you go somewhere with them.
a. brass b. brass c. arrangement d. accompany e. baton
18. a In athletics or track events, a _____ is a short stick that is passed from one runner to another in a relay race.
a. baton b. accompany c. percussion d. string e. split
19. c the family of instruments in which sound arises from the striking of materials with sticks, hammers, or the hands
a. thrilling b. conductor c. percussion d. symphony e. baton
20. a A _____ between two things is a division or difference between them.
a. split b. woodwind c. conductor d. mighty e. arrangement
21. e an extended composition for full orchestra, usually having several movements
a. baton b. woodwind c. string d. percussion e. symphony
22. e of, relating to, or denoting a type of wind instrument, excluding the brass instruments, formerly made of wood but now often made of metal, such as the flute or clarinet
a. split b. thrilling c. accompany d. brass e. woodwind
23. a An _____ is an agreement that you make with someone to do something.
a. arrangement b. conductor c. mighty d. brass e. woodwind
24. b On a bus, the _____ is the person whose job is to help passengers and check tickets.
a. baton b. conductor c. accompany d. mighty e. percussion
25. a violins, violas, cellos, and double basses collectively
a. string b. thrilling c. split d. arrangement e. symphony
26. c the large family of wind instruments including the trumpet, trombone, French horn, etc, each consisting of a _____ tube blown directly by means of a cup- or funnel-shaped mouthpiece
a. thrilling b. conductor c. brass d. percussion e. woodwind

27. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

I	Z	C	C	U	M	Q	K	U	D	C	I	A	A	U	T	K	N	C	A
E	S	P	T	H	R	I	L	L	I	N	G	C	S	S	M	Q	S	X	C
Y	F	T	E	G	L	X	F	M	D	B	D	C	B	A	T	O	N	X	O
T	S	I	R	R	F	B	S	Y	M	P	H	O	N	Y	K	B	A	W	N
H	U	F	H	I	C	K	E	O	J	B	B	M	E	K	G	Q	N	M	D
G	K	W	H	J	N	U	Z	X	X	R	Q	P	F	Z	Q	V	R	N	U
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arrangement
brass
baton

string
thrilling
mighty

symphony
woodwind

percussion
conductor

accompany
split

Listening Practice | Intermediate

28. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

ORCHESTRA

The sound of an [1] **orchestra** [2] **playing** is a **thrilling** experience. An orchestra is a group of musicians who play musical instruments. Some orchestras have more than 100 [3] **musicians**. Yet when they play [4] **together**, the orchestra sounds like one **mighty** musical instrument.

ORCHESTRAS AROUND THE WORLD

Most of us think of a **symphony** orchestra that [5] **plays** classical music when we hear the word orchestra. But there are [6] **other** kinds of [7] **orchestras** in different parts of the world. Indonesia, for example, has the gamelan. The gamelan is an orchestra made up of drums, xylophones, gongs, chimes, and other percussion instruments. In Russia, a balalaika orchestra includes many different sizes of stringed instruments called balalaikas.

SECTIONS OF A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The [8] **instruments** in a symphony orchestra belong to four [9] **different** groups. These groups are [10] **known** as the **string, woodwind, brass, and percussion** sections.

More than half the instruments in an orchestra belong to the string section. The [11] **instruments** in the string section are violins, [12] **violas**, cellos, and double [13] **basses**. The violin can play the highest notes of all the stringed instruments, so the violins often play the tune. The [14] **violins** are **split** into two groups known as first and second violins.

The woodwind section is usually made up of flutes, oboes, [15] **clarinets**, and bassoons. The woodwinds sometimes [16] **carry** the melody. The [17] **sounds** of the woodwinds also blend and contrast with the sounds of the strings. Some composers have written music for additional woodwinds, such as the piccolo, bass [18] **clarinet**, or double bassoon.

The brass section is made up of [19] **French** horns, trumpets, trombones, and a tuba. The brass instruments play loud peaks in the music and impressive solo (single instrument) passages.

The most [20] **important** [21] **members** of the [22] **percussion** section are the drums. Orchestras usually have [23] **several** kettle drums. Each kettle drum sounds a different note when it is played. Other percussion instruments include the snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, xylophone, and triangle. The percussion instruments are used to produce loud sounds and to

emphasize rhythms.

In addition to these four main sections, the symphony orchestra often has extra instruments such as a harp or a piano.

THE CONDUCTOR

The musicians in an orchestra have to play together. A **conductor** stands in front of the [24] **orchestra** . He or she directs the players with hand movements to keep them in time. Most conductors hold a short white stick called a **baton**. The baton makes it easier for the players to see the conductor's movements.

The conductor decides where everyone in the orchestra will sit. The usual seating **arrangement** has the string section at the front. The violins sit to the left of the conductor. The violas, cellos, and double basses sit to the conductor's [25] **right** . The woodwind and brass sections sit behind the strings. The percussion section is at the back.

KINDS OF ORCHESTRAS

There are different kinds of orchestras. A symphony orchestra plays symphonies and other classical music at performances called concerts. An opera orchestra **accompanies** the singers in an opera-a drama [26] **where** words are sung rather than spoken. Ballet orchestras play the music for a kind of dance called a ballet.

Opera orchestras and ballet orchestras have the same sections as symphony orchestras. A standard symphony, opera, or [27] **ballet** orchestra has about 100 musicians.

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| A. clarinet | B. instruments | C. violins |
| D. known | E. sounds | F. orchestra |
| G. members | H. important | I. where |
| J. right | K. orchestra | L. basses |
| M. together | N. ballet | O. carry |
| P. orchestras | Q. other | R. instruments |
| S. violas | T. musicians | U. plays |
| V. French | W. percussion | X. playing |
| Y. different | Z. several | AA. clarinets |

Listening Practice | Advanced

29. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

ORCHESTRA

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ORCHESTRAS AROUND THE WORLD

Most of us think of a **symphony** orchestra that plays classical music when we hear the word [6] **orchestra**. But [7] **there** are other [8] **kinds** of orchestras in [9] **different** parts of the world. [10] **Indonesia**, for [11] **example**, has the gamelan. The [12] **gamelan** is an orchestra made up of drums, [13] **xylophones**, gongs, [14] **chimes**, and [15] **other** [16] **percussion** instruments. In Russia, a balalaika orchestra includes many different [17] **sizes** of stringed instruments [18] **called** balalaikas.

SECTIONS OF A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The instruments in a symphony [19] **orchestra** belong to four different groups. [20] **These** [21] **groups** are [22] **known** as the [23] **string**, **woodwind**, **brass**, and **percussion** [24] **sections**.

More than half the instruments in an orchestra [25] **belong** to the [26] **string** [27] **section**. The instruments in the [28] **string** [29] **section** are violins, violas, cellos, and double [30] **basses**. The violin can play the highest [31] **notes** of all the stringed instruments, so the violins often play the tune. The violins are **split** into two groups known as first and second [32] **violins**.

The woodwind section is [33] **usually** made up of flutes, oboes, clarinets, and bassoons. The woodwinds [34] **sometimes** carry the melody. The sounds of the woodwinds also blend and contrast with the sounds of the [35] **strings**. Some composers have written [36] **music** for [37] **additional** woodwinds, such as the [38] **piccolo**, bass [39] **clarinet**, or double bassoon.

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brass instruments play loud [41] **peaks** in the music and [42] **impressive** solo (single [43] **instrument**) [44] **passages** .

The most important [45] **members** of the [46] **percussion** section are the drums. Orchestras usually have several kettle drums. Each kettle drum [47] **sounds** a different note when it is played. Other percussion instruments include the snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, [48] **xylophone** , and triangle. The [49] **percussion** instruments are used to produce loud sounds and to [50] **emphasize** rhythms.

In [51] **addition** to these four main sections, the symphony orchestra [52] **often** has extra instruments such as a harp or a piano.

THE CONDUCTOR

The musicians in an [53] **orchestra** have to play together. A **conductor** stands in [54] **front** of the orchestra. He or she directs the players with hand [55] **movements** to keep them in time. Most [56] **conductors** hold a short [57] **white** stick called a [58] **baton** . The baton [59] **makes** it easier for the [60] **players** to see the conductor's movements.

The [61] **conductor** [62] **decides** where everyone in the orchestra will sit. The usual seating [63] **arrangement** has the string [64] **section** at the front. The violins sit to the left of the conductor. The violas, cellos, and double basses sit to the conductor's right. The woodwind and [65] **brass** [66] **sections** sit [67] **behind** the strings. The percussion [68] **section** is at the back.

KINDS OF ORCHESTRAS

There are different kinds of orchestras. A [69] **symphony** orchestra [70] **plays** [71] **symphonies** and other classical music at [72] **performances** [73] **called** concerts. An [74] **opera** orchestra **accompanies** the [75] **singers** in an opera- a [76] **drama** where words are sung [77] **rather** than spoken. Ballet orchestras play the music for a kind of dance called a ballet.

[78] **Opera** orchestras and ballet [79] **orchestras** have the same sections as symphony [80] **orchestras** . A standard [81] **symphony** , opera, or [82] **ballet** orchestra has about 100 musicians.

Spelling Practice

30. In each line of text below there is one word that has been misspelled. Circle the misspelled word and then write the correct spelling of the word on the line on the right side of the page.

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1. ORCHESTRA

2. **xperience**

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10. **orchestra**

11. **In**

12. **stringd**

13. **balalaikas**

14. **ORCHESTRA**

15. **a**

16. **string**

17. **sections**

18. **to**

19. **cellos**

20. **notes**

21. **the**

22. **known**

23. **clarinets**

24. **woodwinds**

25. **blend**

26. **additional**

27. **double**

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33. **instruments**

34. **triangle**

35. **to**

36. **emphasize**

37. **addition**

38. **piano**

39. **CONDUCTOR**

40. **have**

41. **directs**

42. **hold**

43. **makes**

44. **s**

45. **will**

46. **arrangement**

47. **the**

48. **brass**

49. **is**

50. **OF**

51. **are**

52. **at**

53. **opera-a**

54. **words**

55. **of**

56. **orchestras**

57. **orchestra**

58. **has**