

Competency	5.0 - Ability to exhibit awareness of structure, sound production and tone quality of musical instruments.
Competency Level	5.2 - Describe and perform percussion instruments.
Lesson	5.2.1 - Performing in a percussion band.

Dear students,

Have you seen a percussion band?

Do you remember your school's primary western band?

Can you name some instruments in your primary western band?

Ok. I will remind you the instruments.

- Bass drum
- Side drum
- Cymbal
- Tambourine

These instruments are called percussion instruments.

A band consisting of percussion instruments is called a Percussion band

There is more to be learnt about percussion instruments.

Let's learn about the percussion instruments.

PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

You can identify a percussion instrument by how they're being played. If

an instrument is played by,

*Hitting/Striking

*Clashing,

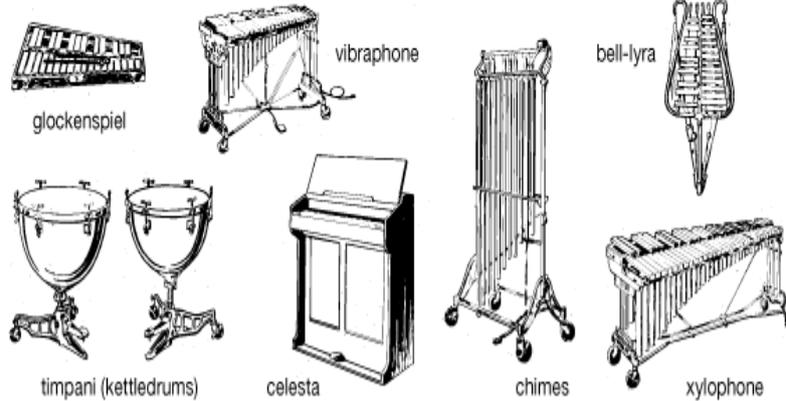
*Shaking,

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indefinite-pitch instruments



definite-pitch instruments



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Bass drum



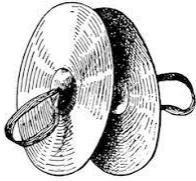
It is the largest drum used in an orchestra. There are two heads. These heads are struck/ hit with two padded beaters to produce the sound

Side Drum



It is also known as the Snare Drum. “Snares” stretched across the lower head and gives a rattling effect. Wooden drumsticks are used to hit on the face to produce the sound.

Cymbals



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The two metal plates are held in the hand and struck or clashed together.
They can also be played by striking them with a drum stick.

Castanets/Clappers



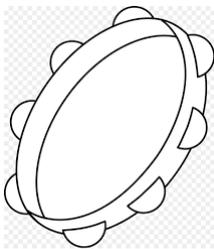
The Castanets consist of two hollow pieces of wood which are held in the fingers and struck together. They are mostly used in Spanish dance music.

Triangle



This is made out of a metal rod bent in to a shape of a Traingle.
Another metal rod is used to strike on the instrument to produce the sound.

Tambourine



The tambourine is a small wooden hoop with a parchment head and with small metal discs inserted in the sides .It is played by striking with knuckles or shaking the instrument.

Xylophone.



What do you think about a Xylophone? There are lots of toy xylophones. Have you played a toy xylophone? Here is a picture of a toy xylophone

There are two hammers to hit the xylophone to get the sound.

So xylophone is also a percussion instrument.

Hit/ Struck with two hammers to produce the notes.

The real xylophone contains wooden bars of different lengths.

Timpani/Kettle drum



It is played striking the head with two padded beaters.

Generally three drums are used.

Glockenspiel



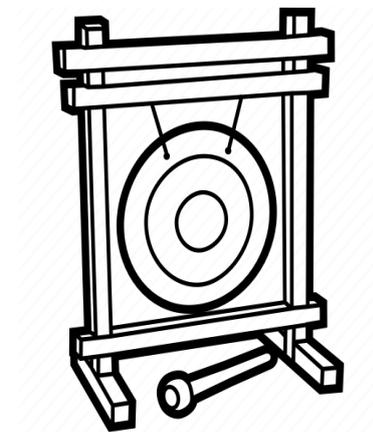
To produce the sounds you used two “mallets”. It consists of a set of steel plates which are of different sizes. Each plate produces a different note.

Tubular Bells/Chimes



There are 18 to 20 brass or steel tubes hung on a frame. To produce the sound, each tube is struck with the mallet. These tubes are of different lengths. So each tube produces a different note.

Gong/Tam Tam



It is played by striking the instrument with a padded beater. It is a big round metal disc.

Now you have learnt about many percussion instruments.

These percussion instruments can be divided into two groups.

1. **Definite pitch** percussion instruments.
2. **Indefinite pitch** percussion instruments.

Definite pitch percussion instruments have the ability to produce different notes. So songs and melodies can be played on these definite pitch percussion instruments.

Indefinite pitch percussion instruments can produce only one sound. So songs or melodies cannot be played on these indefinite pitch percussion instruments. But these indefinite pitch percussion instruments are used to provide the rhythmic structure.

Can you play “Twinkle Twinkle” on a bass drum?

Can you play “Happy birthday” on a cymbal?

You can't. Because it makes only one sound.

These are indefinite pitch percussion instruments.

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| 1. Bass drum. | } | These instruments are used to play a
rhythm. They produce a monotone.
[one note] |
| 2. Side drum | | |
| 3. Cymbal | | |
| 4. Tambourine | | |
| 5. Castanets | | |
| 6. Gong | | |

The following instruments are called definite pitch percussion

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| 1. Glockenspiel | } | These instruments produce different
notes. |
| 2. Tubular bells | | |
| 3. Xylophone | | |
| 4. Timpani | | |

Evaluation

1. How do the following instruments produce sounds? Write the correct answer. (By hitting/striking, by shaking, or by clashing) The first one has been done for you.

	<p>Hitting the face with two drumsticks</p>
	
	
	
	
	

2. Categorize the following instruments in to "Definite pitch percussion instruments "and "Indefinite pitch percussion instruments"

(Cymbal, Tambourine, Glockenspiel, castanets, Gong, Tubular bells, Bass drum, xylophone, Timpani, side drum,)

Indefinite Pitch Percussion Instruments	Definite Pitch Percussion Instruments