



MUSIC

Playing

- a brass/keyboard/percussion/string/wind **instrument**
- a bass, clarinet, guitar, horn, keyboard, trumpet, etc. **player**
- an orchestral **player**
an orchestra **player** (esp. AmE)

She **plays** the piano very well.
I **play** lead guitar in rock band.
The clarinet **plays** the main theme.
The trumpets **sounded** to mark the queen's arrival.
She **plucked/strummed** the guitar.
He **banged/beat/pounded** the drums.
The hunters **blew** their horns.
Your piano/violin needs **tuning**.

Learning

My sister is **learning** the French horn.
I **practise/practice** the clarinet an hour a day.
He **studied** piano at the Royal College of Music.
My father **took up** the oboe in his retirement.
She **gave up** the violin when she was fifteen.
(esp. BrE)
She **quit** the violin when she was fifteen.
(esp. AmE)
He **teaches** flute.
He **teaches** the flute. (esp. BrE)

- a music/piano/singing **lesson**
- a music/piano/singing **teacher**
- band, cello, choir **practice**
- an orchestra **rehearsal**
an orchestral **rehearsal** (esp. BrE)

Prepositions

on (the) ~

She sang three songs and I accompanied her **on** the piano.
That was Miles Davis **on** trumpet.

for (the) ~

a work **for** cello, oboe and harpsichord

Artists and performers

- a brass/dance/military/rock **band**
- a classical/contemporary/modern **composer**
- an opera/orchestra **conductor**
- a chamber/pop (esp. BrE)/rock **group**
- a chamber/symphony **orchestra**
- a classical/concert/jazz/renowned/virtuoso **pianist, violinist**, etc.
- a jazz/string **quartet**
- a blues/folk/jazz/opera **singer**
- a solo **artist/performer**
- a concerto/instrumental/piano/violin/vocal **soloist**
- a clarinet/guitar/jazz/violin **virtuoso**



Performing

- to give a benefit/classical/pop (esp. BrE)/rock **concert**
- to do/play/perform/sing a **duet/a solo**
- to do a live **gig**
- a concert/debut/solo **performance**
- to give an organ/a piano/a solo/a vocal **recital**
- carol/choral/solo **singing**
- a guitar/drum/piano/violin **solo**
- a **solo** instrument/passage/piece/work

The dancers will perform with live musical **accompaniment**.
She hummed the first few **bars** of the song.
The music rose to a deafening **crescendo**.
The orchestra played the opening **movement** of the symphony.
The song has a brisk/quick/upbeat **tempo**.
James Levine **conducts** the orchestra.

Making and selling music

- a best-selling/debut/solo **album**
- a **chart** hit; to hit the **charts** (both esp. BrE)
- a best-selling/hit/number-one/smash/top-ten **single**

The **lyrics** were written by Ira Gershwin.
The band is currently **on tour** in Japan.
The album was **produced** by Quincy Jones.
He wrote the **soundtrack** to the movie.
She played the title **track** from her new CD.
She sang backing **vocals** on most of the songs.