

The String Quartet

The instruments in a string quartet are all part of the string family. The word, "quartet," means there are 4 players. "String" means the instruments are made of strings that can be plucked or bowed. A string quartet consists of two violins, one viola, and one cello. The string bass is NOT part of a string quartet, though it is an important member of the string family. The highest sounding string instrument is the violin, followed by the viola, cello, and bass. The string quartet is a very popular group with thousands of pieces of music written for it.

1. How many players are in a string quartet? _____
2. Which string instrument is NOT part of a string quartet? _____
3. Which string instruments makes the highest sounds?
 - a. Violin
 - b. Viola
 - c. Cello
 - d. Bass

3. Which string instruments makes the lowest sounds?
 - a. Violin
 - b. Viola
 - c. Cello
 - d. Bass

