

Orchestra, choir and band - Pub night quiz!

1. Name four bowed string instruments and put them in order from highest to lowest.
2. Name two double reed instruments and two single-reed instruments.
3. Which orchestral instruments play the lowest part/harmony?
4. How do you say "basso" in English? Write the word and also give a rhyming word.
5. Name two instruments that often read music in the tenor clef.
6. Name two transposing instruments, and their key.
7. Name three tuned percussion instruments.
8. How do you say "batteria" in English? Name four components.
9. Which woodwind instruments would you find in a Mozart symphony, and how many of each?
10. Name two instruments that were only invented in the romantic period.
11. What was "missing" on the trumpet and horn in the Classical period?
12. How many strings are on a viola? a guitar? Name them.
13. Give one instrument or voice part that sound an octave below where they are written.
14. Where and when was the piano invented? Name two earlier keyboard instruments.
15. Name two band instruments that only occasionally play in the orchestra. Bonus: repertoire?

Activity: Explain that "pub night" is a trivia contest, usually held in a pub. Teams pay a fee to enter and the winning team gets the "pot".

Students form groups of three or four depending on class size and think of a fun team name in English. They are provided with a blank piece of paper numbered 1-15. They can discuss the answer in their group, but should do so quietly so other groups don't overhear their answers. Read out the questions (twice) and give the students time to discuss and write their answers. At conclusion, swap papers, mark out loud and tally the points.

Key

1. violin, viola, violoncello, contrabass (1 mark for all four, 1 mark for order = 2 points)
2. double reeds: oboe, English horn, bassoon single reeds: clarinet, saxophone (2 points)
3. tuba, trombone, bassoon, double bass, tympani (not baritone sax, not euphonium) (2 points)
4. bass (ace, base, case, face, pace, place, race, space) (2 points)
5. bassoon, trombone, violoncello (2 points)
6. Clarinet (Bb), trumpet (Bb), saxophones (Eb, Bb), french horn (F) (4 points)
7. tympani, marimba, xylophone, glockenspiel (2 points)
8. drum set or drum kit. toms, snare, bass drum, hi-hat, crash cymbal, ride cymbal (5 points)
9. 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons (5 points)
10. tuba, saxophone, bass clarinet, piccolo (2 points)
11. valves (1 point)
12. viola - 4: C, G, D, A guitar - 6: E, A, D, G, B, E (4 points)
13. euphonium in treble clef, tenor saxophone, tenor voice in treble clef (2 points)
14. Bartolomeo Cristofori, around 1700, Italy. Harpsichord, fortepiano, organ (4 points)
15. Euphonium (Holst: Planets, Strauss: Don Quixote, Mahler:symphony no. 1, Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition), saxophones (Debussy: Rhapsody, Gershwin, Strauss: Alpine Symphony, Shostakovich: Jazz Suite No. 2, Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures) (2 pts + 2 pts bonus)