

# S1 Listening Test

## Revision!

Your listening test will cover the concepts you learned in the "Orchestra" topic and the "Scottish Music" topic.

It is a listening test, therefore you will hear audio clips and be asked a question about what you hear.

Use this revision guide to help you prepare for your test.

### THE ORCHESTRA

The orchestra is a large ensemble of instruments consisting of 4 families:

**STRINGS** (violin, viola, cello, double bass & harp)

*How are they played?*



PIZZICATO - to pluck the string, ARCO - bowing

**WOODWIND** (piccolo, flute, oboe, clarinet & bassoon) Remember the saxophone instrument is from the woodwind family but it is not a full-time member of the orchestra.



*How are they played?*

By blowing into the instrument.

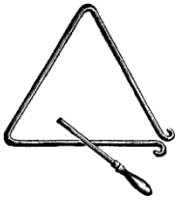
**BRASS** (trumpet, French horn, trombone & tuba)

*How are they played?*



By blowing into the instrument.

**PERCUSSION** ( Tuned percussion - xylophone & glockenspiel)  
(Un-Tuned percussion - cymbals, bass drum, snare drum, triangle, tambourine etc.)



*How are they played?*

Usually by striking (with a beater or your hand) or shaking.

Use the following websites to revise the audio clips that each of these instruments makes.

[www.mydso.com/dso-kids](http://www.mydso.com/dso-kids)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com)



If the question asks you to comment on the TONALITY of the piece - it is asking you if the music is in a MAJOR or MINOR key.

MAJOR = HAPPY 😊

MINOR = SAD 😞

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9

How do you know how many beats are in the bar?

You listen out for the strong beat - beat 1 - and count along in your head, does it go: 1,2,3,1,2,3 or 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4.

