

Traditional Musical Instruments

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Traditional musical **instruments** have been part of human life for thousands of years. Every country has its own special instruments that tell stories and share **culture**.

In Asia, people love to play **drums** like the taiko from Japan. These big drums make deep, **powerful** sounds during festivals. The sound travels far and makes everyone feel happy and excited.

The **piano** is one of the most **popular** instruments in the world. It has 88 black and white keys. When you press a key, a small hammer hits a string inside. This makes beautiful **music** that people love to hear.

Many families pass down instruments from parents to children. A grandfather might **teach** his grandson how to play the guitar. This keeps old **traditions** alive and helps young people learn about their history.

Playing music together brings people closer. When **friends** play instruments in a group, they must listen to each other. This teaches teamwork and patience. Music can make people **smile** even when they feel sad.



A. Vocabulary

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| 1. instruments ____ | a. people you like and enjoy being with |
| 2. culture ____ | b. to move your mouth up when you are happy |
| 3. drums ____ | c. to help someone learn something new |
| 4. powerful ____ | d. old customs passed down in families |
| 5. piano ____ | e. very strong |
| 6. popular ____ | f. liked by many people |
| 7. music ____ | g. tools used to make music |
| 8. teach ____ | h. the way people live and their beliefs |
| 9. traditions ____ | i. round musical instruments you hit with sticks |
| 10. friends ____ | j. musical instrument with black and white keys |
| 11. smile ____ | k. sounds that are nice to listen to |

B. True or False

1. Traditional instruments are new inventions. ____
2. Every country has its own special instruments. ____
3. Taiko drums come from Japan. ____
4. A piano has 100 keys. ____
5. Small hammers hit strings inside a piano. ____
6. Grandparents never teach music to grandchildren. ____
7. Playing music together teaches teamwork. ____
8. Music cannot help sad people feel better. ____

9. Traditional instruments tell stories about culture. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: instruments, culture, piano, drums, music

1. Every country has special _____ that share their history.
2. The _____ has 88 black and white keys.
3. Traditional _____ have been important for thousands of years.
4. Big _____ like taiko make powerful sounds.
5. Playing _____ together brings people closer.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where do taiko drums come from?
2. How many keys does a piano have?
3. What happens when you press a piano key?
4. Why do families pass down instruments?
5. What does playing music in a group teach people?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What musical instrument would you like to learn? Why?
2. Does your family have any traditional music or instruments?
3. How do you think music helps people express their feelings?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-i, 4-e, 5-j, 6-f, 7-k, 8-c, 9-d, 10-a, 11-b

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-instruments, 2-piano, 3-music, 4-drums, 5-music

D. Comprehension:

1. Japan
2. 88 keys
3. A small hammer hits a string inside
4. To keep old traditions alive and teach young people about history
5. Teamwork and patience