



ORCHESTRA

Discuss

- What is an orchestra?
- What instruments are usually found in an orchestra?
- Have you ever attended an orchestra performance?
- What was it like?



Vocabulary

Match the words with the pictures.

Conductor	Violin	Cello	Trumpet	Flute	Percussion
 _____	 _____	 _____			
 _____	 _____	 _____			



Sofia's Orchestra Experience

Sofia had always dreamed of attending a live orchestra concert, but she had never had the chance to go. She wanted to hear the beautiful music made by various instruments, especially the strings, especially violins and brass, such as trumpets and the French horn. Finally, her school organised a trip to the symphony hall, and she was excited to join.

The atmosphere in the hall was magical. As the lights dimmed, Sofia felt her heart race with anticipation. The conductor walked onto the stage, and the audience applauded. Sofia loved watching the conductor as he moved his hands to guide the musicians.

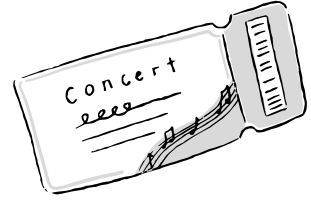
When the orchestra finally began to play, Sofia closed her eyes and let the music wash over her. She was amazed by the harmony created by all the different instruments. The string instruments played a beautiful melody, while the brass instruments made the melody richer.

After watching the orchestra, Sofia spoke with her classmates about their favourite parts of the concerts. Most of them believed that the percussion instruments added a lot of energy to the performance, and Sofia couldn't help but agree with them.

On her way back from the Orchestra, Sofia felt inspired to learn how to play an instrument herself. She realised that being a part of an orchestra would be a wonderful experience, which would allow her to create music and work with others to bring magic to people's lives.



Questions



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Why had Sofia never attended an orchestra performance before?

2. What was the atmosphere like in the Symphony Hall?

3. How did the music make Sofia feel during the performance?

4. What did Sofia and her classmates discuss after the performance?

5. What did Sofia decide to do on her way back after the performance?

6. Draw your favourite instrument from the orchestra.

Grammar

Gerunds are the -ing form of a verb and can act as nouns in a sentence.

For example, in the sentence "Playing piano is fun.", "Playing" is a gerund.

Infinitives are the basic form of a verb and always start with "to".

For example, "I like to play the piano.", "to play" is the infinitive.

*Key Points:

Gerunds can be used to express activities:

- I enjoy **listening to** music.
- **Going to** an Orchestra is fun.
- I love **going to** music classes.
- Anna is **dancing to** the music.
- Michael is **driving to** the office.



Infinitives are often used to express purpose:

- She wants **to play** the cello.
- It is hard **to learn** a musical instrument.
- Jenny began **to teach** here.
- It is good **to study** together.
- Daniel managed **to get** there on time.



Practice I



Directions: Circle the correct form of the verb.

1. It's exciting (to watch / watching) a live performance.
2. Sofia enjoys (to play / playing) the cello.
3. She hopes (to join / joining) the orchestra next month.
4. The conductor loves (to guide / guiding) the musicians.
5. Billy is interested in (to learn / learning) about different music instruments.
6. Mary enjoys (to attend / attending) music school.
7. She practiced (to improve / improving) his skills.
8. John and Tom have decided (to take / taking) a piano class.

Practice II



Write two things that you enjoy doing or want to do in the space below.

1. _____

2. _____

Practice III



Directions: Complete the passages using either gerunds or infinitives above.

Compose	Join
Form	Listen
Share	Create
Play	Watch
Become	Perform
Learn	

My best friend, Emily, loves _____ the guitar. She practises every day because she wants _____ a great musician. Sometimes, he enjoys _____ her own songs. I like _____ to her play, and I often join her by _____ along.

Learning _____ music together is one of my favourite activities. I hope _____ a musical instrument soon, too! We often talk about _____ a band with our friends. It would be exciting to _____ music together and _____ it with others.

Music is important to me as it makes me feel happy and relax. I enjoy _____ to different genres of music when I am studying.

Writing

Look back at the comprehension text on page 2 about Sofia's Orchestra experience. Write down one activity that you want to do related to music. Think of some fun things!

