

## MUSIC • GRADES 3–4

# World Instruments

Eight instruments from around the world

## Eight instruments at a glance

Instrument	From	Family	How it sounds
Sitar	India	String	Bright, ringing, rich with bends
Djembe	West Africa	Percussion	Sharp, deep, with hand slaps
Koto	Japan	String	Soft, plucked, calming
Didgeridoo	Aboriginal Australia	Wind	Deep, droning, hypnotic
Charango	Andes (S. America)	String	Bright, fast strums, like a small guitar
Bagpipes	Scotland	Wind	Loud, droning, ceremonial
Kalimba	Southern Africa	Percussion	Tinkly, bell-like, plucked with thumbs
Erhu	China	String	Two strings, bowed — sounds almost like a voice

## Your turn

1. Which of these instruments would you most like to hear? Why?
2. Pick one instrument. Find out one extra fact about it.



3. What instruments come from your part of the world?

