

Monterey Symphony

True or False Quiz

Please read each sentence carefully and write "true" or "false" in the space provided.

- _____ 1. Another name for the timpani is the tea kettle.
- _____ 2. The only way to play a violin is to draw a bow across the strings.
- _____ 3. The shorter the string is, the lower its pitch (the sound it makes).
- _____ 4. The tighter the string is, the higher its pitch.
- _____ 5. The strings on a violin bow may be made of wire, nylon, and/or catgut, but the strings on the bow are made of hairs from a horse's tail.
- _____ 6. A piano is just a harp in a cabinet.
- _____ 7. A French horn if unwound and laid straight would be about nine feet long.
- _____ 8. A mallet or hammer-like stick is needed to play the trombone.
- _____ 9. The type of instrument which the largest number of people play in a symphony orchestra is the flute.
- _____ 10. The symphony orchestra took many years to become what it is today.
- _____ 11. Many people can tell when a work was composed just by listening to it and by knowing which instruments are needed to play it.
- _____ 12. New tools for composers to use today are computers and electronic instruments.
- _____ 13. Three great American composers are Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven.
- _____ 14. Symphony orchestras only play long songs.
- _____ 15. For orchestras, the printed music is called a score.
- _____ 16. The principal reason why musicians look at a conductor is to know which notes to play.
- _____ 17. Because its cabinet is made of wood, a piano is considered to be a woodwind instrument.
- _____ 18. A piccolo is a small flute.
- _____ 19. A symphony can be a group of musicians or the music they play.
- _____ 20. The concertmaster always sits to the left of the conductor in an orchestra.
- _____ 21. There are four basic groups of instruments: strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion.
- _____ 22. Reeds are strips of bamboo used in trumpets, trombones, and tubas.
- _____ 23. A triangle is a percussion instrument that is shaped like a triangle.
- _____ 24. Composers today write songs, symphonies, and movie soundtracks.
- _____ 25. The stick that a conductor uses to keep time is called a tambourine.