

Drums

Name: _____

Drum Facts

• The drum is a member of the percussion group of musical instruments.



• Drums are struck with the player's hands, or with a drumstick, to produce sound.

• The oldest drums were made out of hollowed logs. Later animal skins were used to cover the top of the drum.

• Drums were originally used as a form of communication, to send signals.

• A drum set (or drum kit) usually includes a bass drum, a snare drum, several cymbals, and tom toms.

• The first drum sets were put together over 100 years ago.

• The Purdue Big Bass Drum is a marching band drum and is more than 3 m high.

Do you know any more interesting facts about drums?

Making a Drum

Using common objects, try making your own drum. One way is to use an empty container that is a cylinder.

Remove both ends of the container. Cut the ends off some balloons and stretch them over each end. You may have to use some rubber bands to hold the balloons in place.

Experiment with different materials and designs to make different drums. Also make some drumsticks to beat your own drum.

Drawing

Draw a picture of a these different drums.

Bongo Drums

Timpani

Tom-tom drum

Tambourine



'Sound' Words

Select a suitable 'sound' word from the list below to complete the sentences.

buzzing

hooting

hissing

squawking

barking

beating

As the band approached we could hear the _____ of the drums.

The parrot was _____ very loudly.

We could hear the owls _____ as we walked through the forest.

My dog starts _____ every time he sees the postman.

The _____ of the bees became louder as we approached the hive.

The snake was _____ as it slid away.

Number Crunchers

Andyville marching band has 8 drums. Petertown band has 7 drums. Graceland band has 6 drums.

How many drums are there altogether?

If there are 2 drumsticks for every drum, how many drumsticks does Petertown band have?

If Graceland band buys another 6 drums, how many will they have altogether?

If Andyville band buys another 5 drums, how many will they have altogether?

