



# WHAT INSTRUMENT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY ?

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Alia and Alex met at the door of a music store  
They both want to learn how to play a musical  
instrument. But they don't know which one yet.

"Hello, I'm Sammy! How can I help you?"

"Can you help us choose an instrument to  
play?" replied Alex.

Sammy was happy to see the two kids, He said  
"Of course," and pointed at a really big black  
squiggly table with a weird shape.



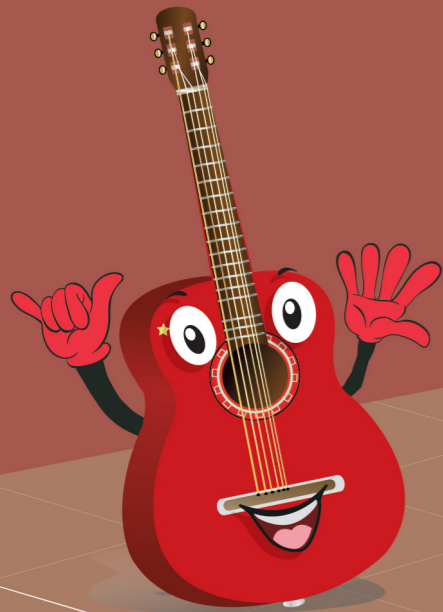
"I'm originally from Italy; I'm from the 18th  
century and if you decide to play me, you'll be  
called a pianist".

"I have 88 keys and when you press the keys,  
you move the hammers that hit the strings  
inside me which makes a beautiful sound" (play  
track number 1 to hear the sound).

"I was used by great composers like Mozart  
and I would be delighted to be played by you"  
Anything about the pedals?

Alia and Alex were surprised but very happy:  
"Very nice to meet you Piano", they both said.





Sammy now pointed at a curvy, zigzagging wooden object with strings.

“Hola,” said the object “I’m Classic Guitar, you can play me by strumming or plucking my strings with one hand and pressing on the strings with the other hand”

“I have a neck and a body. My neck is where you press my strings and my body is where you strum”

“I am originally from Spain and I’m from the 16th century and if you decide to play me, you’ll be called a guitarist”

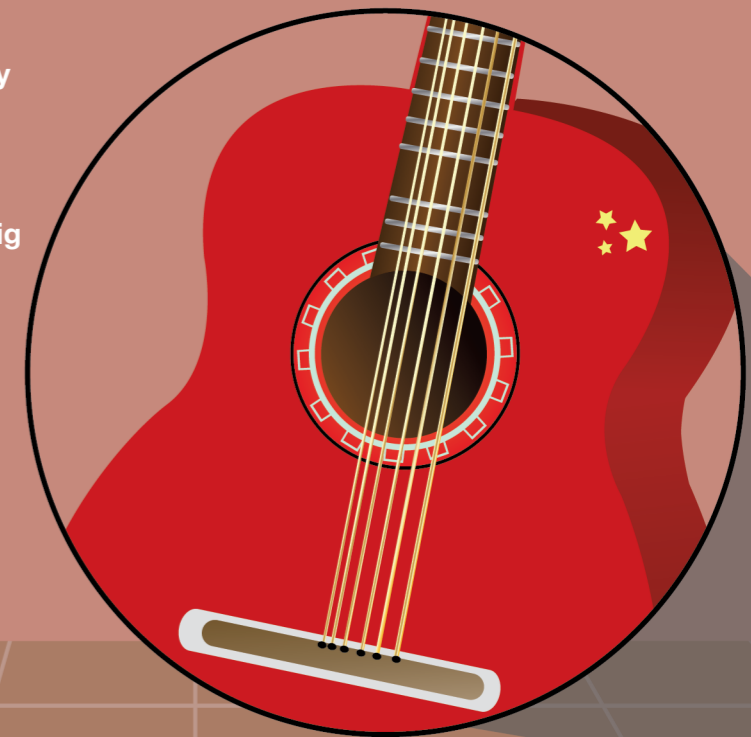
“I also have brothers, they are called Electric, Acoustics, mandolin (or Oud), and Bass. We all look similar, but we sound different”

“I have six strings. The first one is called E, the second is called A, the third is called D, the fourth is called G, the fifth is called B and finally the last one is called E”

“An easy way to remember the name of the strings is with this sentence: Eat All Day, Get Big Easy”

Alia and Alex laughed, and Alex bumped into a round box.

Alex: “Ouch! What is that?”





“Hi I’m Drums, you can play me by hitting me just like you did now but with sticks. And you also use your leg to kick my biggest part”  
“I’m from the United States and from the 20th century. If you decide to play me, you’ll be called a drummer”

Drums continued: “I have 5 parts and I need all of them to be a whole drum kit”

“Bands can Rock ‘n’ Roll thanks to me”

Alia spotted the Derbakke and said: “Derbakke! My dad plays you; I know you!”

“Hi! Yes, I’m Derbakke! You can play by hitting my head” Said Derbakke happily.

“I am originally from Egypt and I’m from the 1100BC. If you decide to play me, you’ll be called a tabbal”

“I am also very beautiful, as you can see, I have lovely patterns on my body”

“To play me you need to use your entire both hands. You need your thumb, fingers, the palm of your hand and the back of your hand”

“Each part of my head makes a different sound depending on how magical your hands are”

Alia and Alex were very happy to learn about these instruments.



They followed Sammy around the shop. Sammy carried a half rectangle and half triangle shaped object with strings and wore a ring”

“Hello, I am Qanun and I am Sammy’s favorite instrument”

“I am from Egypt just like Derbakke but I am a little older”

“To play me you have to wear a ring called plectra. You use the plectra to pluck my strings. You can lay me on your lap or on a table”

Qanun: “I have seventy-eight strings and I am decorated with carved shapes that makes me different from all the others”



Sammy stopped and asked Alia and Alex “Now that you have seen all the instruments in my store, which one do you want to play?”

Alex quickly said “I love them all, but I think my favorite is Derbakke”

Alia thought for a minute then said “My favorite is Piano”

Sammy was delighted with the children’s visit. He said “Go ahead, try to play you favorite instruments! “

Alia and Alex started playing their chosen instruments.



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