

DISCOVER THE INSTRUMENTS!



A **kalimba** is sometimes called a 'thumb piano'. That's because you pluck it with your thumbs and the notes are similar to a piano's. It originally comes from Africa.



A **marimba** looks like a xylophone, only it's bigger and plays lower notes. It comes from Africa and was brought to Central America.

A **ukulele** only has four strings. This makes it much easier to play than a guitar which has six. It comes from Portugal and is popular in Hawaii.



Singing is good for you! Scientists say that it can make you feel relaxed and happy.

The white keys on a **piano** used to be made from ivory – that's elephant tusk! Nowadays, the keys are made out of plastic, to protect the elephants. The first piano came from Italy.



The **recorder** has five main sizes – the shorter the instrument, the higher the notes you can play. The great bass recorder is as tall as a piece of furniture, and the sopranino recorder is the size of a mechanical pencil! It originally comes from Europe.



The bow of the **violin** is made of horsehair. About 170 strands are used for every bow! The first violin was made in Italy.

Drums are one of the oldest instruments in the world, and there are many types. Nefertiti's drum kit has a foot-operated bass drum, a snare drum, a floor tom, a hi-hat, a cymbal, and two tom-toms. It was first played in North America.

