

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**Musical instruments that the devices we use in producing musical sounds when manipulated.**

There two major types of musical instruments:

- (a) Nigerian Musical instruments
- (b) Foreign musical instruments

**Nigerian musical instruments are the locally made instruments that originated from traditional Nigerian societies.** These instruments can be produced easily from the local materials around us.

	Nigerian Musical Instruments	Ways of producing sound
1.	Udu (English: Pot drum)	Beating/striking its opening
2.	Ekwe (English: Wooden slit drum)	Beating/striking its body
3.	Ichaka/Sekere (English: Rattle)	Shaking it
4.	Igba (English: Membrane drum)	Beating/striking its membrane
5.	Une (English: Musical bow)	Plucking its string
6.	Kakaki (English: African trumpet)	Blowing in air
7.	Goje (English : African fiddle)	Plucking its string
8.	Gangan (English: Talking drum)	Beating/striking its membrane
9.	Oja (English: African notched flute)	Blowing in air
10.	Bata (English) : African membrane drum	Beating/striking its membrane

## FOREIGN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**Foreign musical instruments are the instruments produced by countries outside Nigeria.** Most of the foreign musical instruments we use in Nigeria were brought from Europe.

**Foreign Musical instruments and how they produce musical sounds.**

	Foreign musical instruments	Ways of producing sound
1.	Violin	Bowing its string
2.	Trumpet	Blowing in air
3.	Clarinet	Blowing in air
4.	Flute	Blowing in air
5.	Viola	Bowing its string
6.	Keyboard	Pressing down the keys
7.	Recorder	Blowing in air
8.	Drum set	Striking its membrane
9.	Saxophone	Blowing in air
10	Guitar	Plucking its string

## CLASSIFICATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

### Classification of Nigerian Musical Instruments

Nigerian musical instruments can be classified into four

- (a) Aerophones are Nigerian musical instruments that produce sound by blowing air into

them

(b) Idiophones are Nigerian musical instruments that produce sound by beating their bodies.

(c) Chordophones are Nigerian musical instruments that produce sound by plucking their strings.

(d) Membranophones are Nigerian musical instruments that produce sound through an animal skin which is beaten by hand or stick.

## **CLASSIFICATION OF FOREIGN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Foreign musical instruments can be classified into five:

(a) Woodwind are Foreign musical instruments that produce sound by blowing air through a reed or wooden tube. However due to modern technology, some woodwinds such as flute are made of metals. Many modern recorders are made of plastic.

(b) Brass are Foreign musical instruments that produce sound through a metal mouthpiece.

(c) Percussion are foreign musical instruments that produce sound by beating their bodies.

(d) Strings are Nigerian musical instruments that produce sound through strings by bowing or plucking them.

(d) Keyboard are Foreign musical instruments that produces sound when their keys are pressed down.