

Musical Marvels for Little Ears

Music History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What ancient instrument was made from hollowed-out animal bones and was played by blowing into it?

- A) Trumpet
- B) Flute**
- C) Drum
- D) Guitar

2. In very old times, before pianos, what instrument had black and white keys and strings that were plucked by hammers?

- A) Harpsichord**
- B) Organ
- C) Violin
- D) Saxophone

3. Which famous composer wrote beautiful music even when he couldn't hear it very well?

- A) Mozart
- B) Bach
- C) Beethoven**
- D) Vivaldi

4. What kind of music was often sung in churches a very long time ago, with just voices and no instruments?

- A) Jazz
- B) Opera
- C) Chant**
- D) Rock

5. What is the name of a very old musical instrument that has strings stretched over a frame, and is often played with a bow?

- A) Harp
- B) Cello**
- C) Lyre
- D) Ukulele

6. Who was a very famous composer known for his playful and bright music, and wrote a piece called 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' variations?

- A) Chopin
- B) Mozart**
- C) Tchaikovsky
- D) Brahms

7. What instrument, shaped like a big violin but played sitting down, was popular in early orchestras?

- A) Viola
- B) Double Bass
- C) Cello**
- D) Bassoon

8. What simple percussion instrument, often made from wood, was used in ancient music to keep a beat?

- A) Cymbals
- B) Tambourine
- C) Claves**
- D) Triangle

9. Before recordings, how did people share music they liked?

- A) Sharing digital files
- B) Playing it live for others**
- C) Sending musical notes in the mail
- D) Singing it over the radio

10. What type of music has a strong, steady beat and was often used for dancing in old European courts?

- A) Ballet Music
- B) Folk Music
- C) March Music**
- D) Opera Overtures

11. What instrument is like a large trumpet, but with a lower, richer sound, and was used in military bands?

- A) Tuba**
- B) French Horn
- C) Trombone
- D) Euphonium

12. Who was a composer that wrote lots of joyful and lively music, especially for children, and is famous for 'Peter and the Wolf'?

- A) Debussy
- B) Prokofiev**
- C) Stravinsky
- D) Grieg

13. What instrument, with many keys and pipes, was a very important instrument in churches a long time ago?

- A) Piano
- B) Harpsichord
- C) Organ**
- D) Celesta

14. What were the traveling musicians called in the Middle Ages who sang songs and played instruments, often telling stories?

- A) Singers
- B) Bards**
- C) Orchestra Members
- D) Conductors

15. What musical form, often sung with costumes and acting, became very popular in the 17th and 18th centuries?

- A) Ballet
- B) Opera**
- C) Symphony
- D) Concerto

16. What instrument, with keys that you press to make sounds, was invented in the early 18th century and became very popular?

- A) Lute
- B) Harpsichord
- C) Clavichord
- D) Piano**

17. What composer is famous for his beautiful lullabies and dances, like the 'Waltz of the Flowers'?

- A) Wagner
- B) Verdi
- C) Tchaikovsky**
- D) Handel

18. What simple instrument, made of a hollow gourd or wood with strings, was played in ancient times?

- A) Banjo
- B) Guitar
- C) Lyre**
- D) Oud

19. What kind of music uses only voices, often in harmony, and was popular in many cultures before instruments were common?

- A) Electronic Music
- B) A Cappella**
- C) Rock Music
- D) Blues Music

20. What large, flat instrument with many strings, played by plucking, was a popular instrument in ancient Greece?

- A) Harp
- B) Lute
- C) Lyre**
- D) Kithara