

ONCE UPON A BOOK

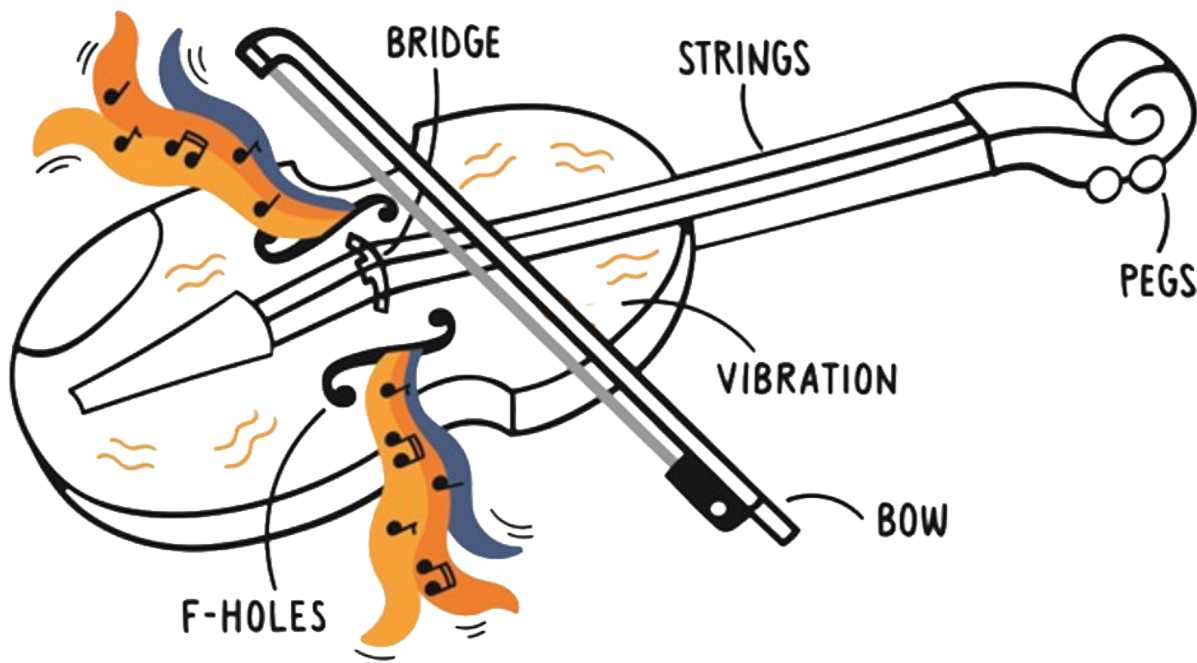
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Meet the Violin

The violin (vi-uh-LIN) is a member of the **string family**. It makes sound when the strings **vibrate**. Violin players draw the **bow** across the strings to make them vibrate. The strings can also vibrate in lots of other ways!

PLAYERS CAN:

- **Tap** the strings with the bow
- **Pluck** the strings with their fingers
- **Play two notes** at the same time



The vibrations travel inside the violin through a special piece called the **bridge**. Once inside, they bounce around between the top and bottom of the violin. The bouncing air floats out of the violin through two small holes as sound!

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

What Do You Hear?

Listen to violinist James Ehnes in the videos below.
Click the highlighted word to access each video.

Imagine the violin as a character in a story.

As you listen, consider:

- What kind of character do you imagine?
- How is the character moving?
- What adventure is your character having?



Draw a picture or write a few words for each sound.

[Pizzicato](#) (pit-suh-KAA-tow)

[Col Legno](#) (kohl LEN-yo)

[Double Stop](#) (DUH-bul staap)