

LO: To appreciate and classify  
Chinese instruments



Chinese New Year is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

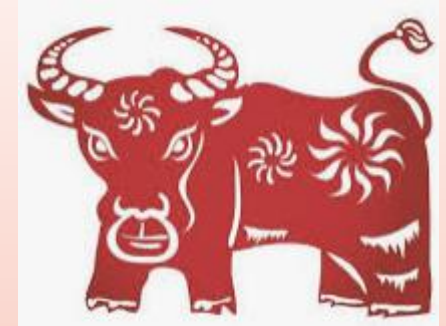
Each new year in China is named after a different animal. 2021 will be the year of the Ox!

There are many traditions associated with this time of year: fireworks, dragon dances and concerts that feature traditional Chinese instruments.

The new year's concert on Chinese TV can have as many as a billion people watching it!

Click here to see a Dragon Dance:

<https://safeshare.tv/x/JoZUR2dOQPk>



Chinese instruments can be classified into woodwind, string and percussion.

The string instruments can be plucked or bowed. Some woodwind instruments have reeds (like the clarinet and saxophone) and others don't (like the flute).

Listen again to the Dragon Dance - which family of instruments can you hear?



Let's look at a bamboo flute called a dizi (pronounced 'deetsu').



Listen to a dizi:

<https://safeshare.tv/x/RTUpdOmpSGU>



Watch how a dizi is made:

<https://safeshare.tv/x/QB2jUZ5bwzI>



Let's look at a string instrument called a guzheng (pronounced 'goojong').



Listen to a guzheng:

<https://safeshare.tv/x/ss601126506a5ca>

How a guzheng is played:

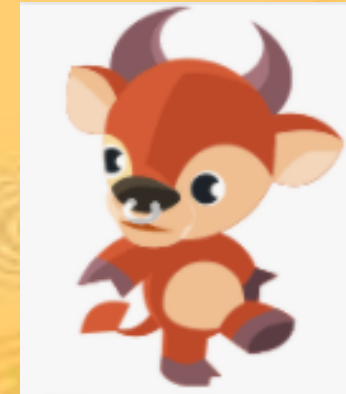
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Which 2 families of instruments are being played here?

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String and woodwind, well done!

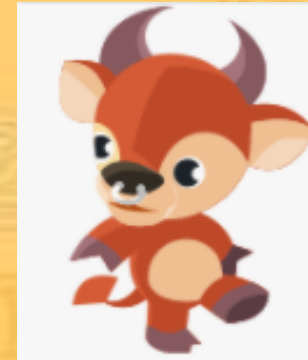


Which 2 families of instruments are being played in this video?

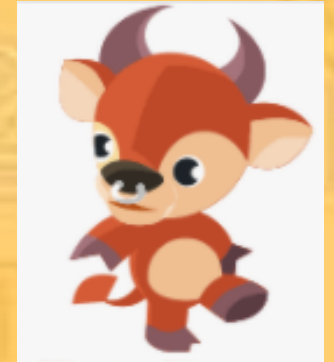
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Percussion and String!



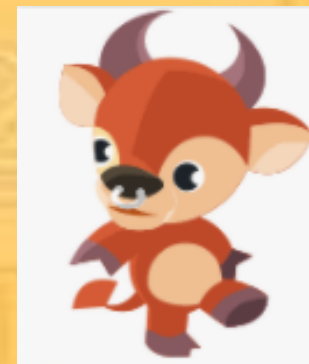
What did you notice about the tempo (speed) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance compared to the 1<sup>st</sup>?





The tempo was faster  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> performance.

Well done!



Do you recognise this piece of music?  
Enjoy!

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