

INSTRUMENT TIMBRES



STRING FAMILY



Word Bank

Bright	Muffled	Shrill
Dark	Pure	Sweet
Earthy	Reedy	Vibrant
Mellow	Rich	Warm

Violin	Viola	Cello	Bass



WOODWIND FAMILY



Word Bank

Airy	Nasal	Soft
Bright	Penetrating	Shrill
Gentle	Reedy	Velvety
Mellow	Rich	Warm

Flute	Piccolo	Oboe	Clarinet	Bassoon



BRASS FAMILY



Word Bank

Bright Full Gentle Mellow Penetrating	Powerful Rich Smooth Soft	Stately Shrill Velvety Warm
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French Horn	Trumpet	Trombone	Tuba



PERCUSSION FAMILY



Word Bank

Booming Deep Dull Glassy	Heavy Hard Hollow Metallic	Rich Resonant Round Soft
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Timpani	Vibraphone	Piano