

NLO Shorts: An Introduction to the Orchestra



The Flute

Watch the NLO Shorts videos introducing the instruments of the orchestra. You can find them on the New London Orchestra YouTube channel, or on their website at bit.ly/NLOShorts. As you are watching the videos, answer the questions below. If you're unsure about spellings, turning on subtitles might help!

1. What is the highest note a flute can play? (Answer in note-names or by drawing a staff. Hint: use the subtitles if you're not sure which notes are being played!) [1]
2. When the flute plays low in its range, how would you describe its natural dynamic? [1]
3. What is a small flute called? How does its pitch relate to a flute? [2]
4. What physically distinguishes an alto flute from other flutes? [2]
5. Listen carefully to the extract from Joseph de Bologne's *Flute Sonata No. 3* (2:33). Is this in a major or minor key? [1]

Extension: listen to the first movement from Antonio Vivaldi's *Concerto for 2 Flutes*, RV 533 (<https://youtu.be/mLvsGj5U7A> 0:00–2:30). Do you like or dislike this music? Give at least three music-specific reasons to justify your answer.