

NLO Shorts: An Introduction to the Orchestra



The Woodwind Family

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. Which woodwind instruments are in a *typical* orchestra? How many of each are there? [2]
2. Draw a diagram showing how they sit. [2]
3. Listen carefully to the extract from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Overture to Così fan tutte* (0:58). Which woodwind instruments have a short solo? What order do they play in? [2]
4. What are the instruments in a wind quintet? How many are there of each instrument? [2]
5. Name two ensembles that wind instruments often play in. [2]

Extension: listen to the first movement from Ruth Crawford Seeger's *Suite for Wind Quintet* (<https://youtu.be/fCKPZ0VUu20> 0:00–3:07). Do you like or dislike this music? Give at least three music-specific reasons to justify your answer.