

ATTRIBUTE LISTING GRID – INFORMATION

This is a great tool for comparing the attributes of a number of different objects, animals or characters. The structure of the tool allows you to organise your information in a clear and methodical manner.

PROCESS

Enter the Topic, e.g. Making Music in an Orchestra.

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Topic: Making Music in an Orchestra

Step 1: Options

Choose your options or choices (e.g. family of instruments). Enter these in the left column.

Step 2: Criteria

Enter the criteria or factors to compare these objects or options (in the top row). Brainstorming can generate criteria or factors, such as names of instruments, how are they played, etc.

Step 3: Details

Fill in all relevant and comparable details or attributes for each criterion or factor column. Look beyond the obvious.

Family of Instruments	Name of Instruments	How are they played?	What are they made of?	How are they constructed?	Where are they placed in the orchestra?
Strings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violins • Violas • Cellos • Harps • Basses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing a horsehair bow across the strings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gut, steel or nylon • Body and neck are made of wood 	Curved hollow wooden sound box with strings stretched across the body to the top of the neck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the front • Make up more than half of an orchestra
Woodwind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarinet • Oboes • Flutes • Bassoons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air is blown through the instrument • The player covers and uncovers the holes with their fingers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood or metal or a combination 	Long narrow tubes of wood or steel with holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the middle • Between the strings and the brass and percussion sections
Brass					
Percussion					

