

JOIN THE WORLD BAND

Playing music

Here are some musical instruments from around the world.
Which one would you choose to play in a world band?



Some river rocks

In Hawaii, dancers sometimes tap river rocks together as they do a hula dance. To play river rocks you need four smooth flat pebbles, two in each hand. You could use beach pebbles if you wanted. Here's how to make a sound with them.

1. Hold one pebble between your thumb and forefinger.
2. Put the other pebble on your palm.
3. Click the two pebbles together.



Nose music

In the northern Philippines, some people are expert at playing a nose flute called the *pitung ilong*. To play it you must blow through your nose into a tube of bamboo.



An ugly stick

Newfoundland is an island off the coast of Canada. People there make their own ugly sticks to play along to music. They nail bottle tops, bells and tin cans to a broom handle and stick a rubber boot on the bottom. Then they bang the cans and bottle tops with a wooden spoon and stomp the boot on the ground.



A shell

Big conch shells are played like trumpets in places around the world where the shells are found in the ocean, such as New Zealand. The end of the shell is cut off to make the mouthpiece. You can put your hand into the shell to change the notes.



A cactus

A Chilean rain stick is made from a dried cactus stalk with cactus prickles pressed into it and seeds put inside. To play a rain stick you need to shake it to make a sound like falling raindrops. It's said to magically make real rain fall!



A leaf

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Some seed pods

In the Congo, drummers wear *nsakala* (n-sack-a-la) on their wrists as they drum. The nsakala are round dried seed pods as big as tennis balls, filled with seeds that rattle along to the drumming music.