

● **Read and answer the questions.**

String Instruments

Violins, cellos, and guitars have something in common. They all have strings, so they are called string instruments.

The sounds from string instruments are made by the vibration of the strings. One way to vibrate the strings is to use your fingers to pluck them. Guitars are played this way. Another way to vibrate the strings is to use a bow. Musicians rub the bow across the strings to make sounds. Violins are played this way.

The first simple string instruments were made in ancient times. Ancient Egyptians played the harp over 5,000 years ago. Their strings were made from animal hair or guts, but today, most strings are made from nylon or steel.

There are many different string instruments from around the world. They all look different, and they all make beautiful sounds.

1 Violins, cellos, and guitars have something in common. What is it?

2 How are sounds from string instruments made?

3 What are the two different ways to vibrate the strings on the instruments?

One way is _____

Another way is _____

4 When were the first simple string instruments made?

5 When did ancient Egyptians play the harp?

6 What were ancient Egyptian strings made from?
