

Key concepts

The 'French horn' is a brass musical instrument.



The 'flute' and 'oboe' are woodwind instruments.



The 'violin', 'viola', 'cello' and 'double bass' are all stringed instruments.



Key Vocabulary

timbre	The character or quality of a musical sound or voice
dynamics	Describes how loud or quiet music is (volume).
tempo	Refers to the speed of the music.
composer	One who creates music.
motif	A short musical idea.
tuned	Instruments that can sound different notes.
untuned	Instruments with no definite pitch.
genre	A style or category of music.

Composer information

Gustav Theodore Holst was an English composer responsible for 'The Planet Suite' (including Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Neptune).

He was born in September 1874 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and died in May 1934.



The Planets were composed between 1914 and 1916.

Holst composed many more bodies of music, across many genres, but none were as well known as The Planets.

Things to do at home

Use Kidrex to research other English composers.

www.kidrex.org

Listen to different instruments.

<https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments.php?family=String>

