

The Guitar

The guitar's history is over 500 years old. It is a descendant of the gittern of 13th-century Europe. The lute, a quiet instrument with four strings that were plucked instead of strummed, was also an important ancestor of the guitar. The vihuela originated in Spain and had pairs of strings on a frame smaller than the lute. The instrument now considered the modern guitar appeared in the late 17th century with six single strings and a different body shape.

Many types of guitars exist around the world today. The electric guitar is strung with metal strings and uses an amplifier to project its sound. The Hawaiian, or steel, guitar is laid across the player's knees and plucked with the fingers as a steel bar is slid up and down the strings to change the pitch. The mandolin is characterized by a pear-shaped body and four pairs of strings, while a ukulele is a cross between a guitar and a mandolin. The Dobro guitar uses metal resonator discs inserted under the bridge to project its sound. Citterns, sitars and zithers are also additional variations of the modern guitar.



Acoustic Guitar



Questions

- The guitar is related to common orchestral instruments and other members of the _____ family.
 1-1-5-1 = ____
 1-1-9-4 = ____
 1-1-15-2 = ____
 1-2-9-4 = ____
 1-2-19-1 = ____
 1-3-4-6 = ____
- “Ukelele” is a Hawaiian word that means “leaping _____”.
 1-5-9-1 = ____
 1-6-3-2 = ____
 1-6-13-2 = ____
 1-7-9-1 = ____
- The _____ was created by the Vinaccia family of Naples, Italy.
 2-1-1-1 = ____
 2-1-2-5 = ____
 2-1-8-2 = ____
 2-1-8-6 = ____
 2-2-1-2 = ____
 2-2-9-2 = ____
 2-3-1-6 = ____
 2-4-2-5 = ____
- _____ means “without the use of an external device for amplifying sound.”
 3-1-2-3 = ____
 3-1-9-3 = ____
 3-2-6-1 = ____
 3-3-5-6 = ____
 3-3-10-5 = ____
 3-4-2-6 = ____
 3-4-7-2 = ____
 3-5-6-1 = ____
- Most modern guitars usually have six strings, but some models can have up to _____.
 4-1-7-2 = ____
 4-1-10-1 = ____
 4-1-15-1 = ____
 4-3-11-3 = ____
 4-3-12-8 = ____
 4-3-12-9 = ____
 4-4-8-5 = ____
 4-4-10-4 = ____

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