

# WORLD HARPS

**Remember:** *The harp is the world's oldest stringed instrument.*



The word **harpa**, or **harp**, comes from ancient words which mean **to pluck**. A rock painting of a harp-like instrument was discovered in France, which is about 17,000 years old. Some people think that the idea for harps came from the sound of a hunter's bow. There are many different types of harps: big harps, little harps, folk harps, concert harps, lap harps, even Jollip harps!



**Harps are played with the thumb, and first three fingers of each hand.**

**Which finger do you leave out? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Think of some other musical words that start with the letters "H A R"**

**This is an instrument you hold up to your mouth: H A R \_\_\_ O \_\_\_ \_\_\_ C \_\_\_**

**The four building blocks of music are rhythm, melody, timbre and: H A R \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Y**

**When you go ice skating, you glide across the ice. A harpist's fingers can glide over the harp strings. This is called a glissando. Can you find other words in the word glissando?**

**Something on the beach: \_\_\_ A N \_\_\_**

**Not in the air, or on the water, but on: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ D**

**If you borrow a book, it is on: L O \_\_\_ \_\_\_**

## **EXTRA CREDIT: NOTE READING SKILLS**

*On a harp the C strings are red and the F strings are black.*

*Circle the Cs and Fs on this piano keyboard:*

**COUNT UP:**

*How many notes are there between C and F? \_\_\_\_\_*

*How many notes are there between F and C? \_\_\_\_\_*



*Review: how many different letters are in the musical alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_*

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