

INSTRUMENTS OF SAMBA

Name _____ Form _____



What is Samba?

Samba is Mardi Gras or carnival music from Brazil that features a large percussion ensemble. It is music to dance to and has its own characteristic rhythms that distinguish it from other Latin American music. It originates in Rio de Janeiro where a large number of "Samba Schools" exist.

Read the descriptions below of the percussion instruments used in Samba music and match them to the correct descriptions.

Brazilian Percussion



A small high-pitched double-headed drum used to play solo cues such as call and response. Smaller than the Surdo drum.	
A cowbell with 2 pitches, high and low. Held by the left hand and is hit with a drumstick.	
A type of snare drum. (Look for the picture that most resembles a type of drum from a drum kit on its side!)	
A whistle used by the leader to signal an instruction to the group.	
A large bass drum that is hit with soft beaters. They keep a steady pulse.	
A shaker that has beads on a frame	
A wooden scraper with grooves in that plays the same time values as the chocolo.	