

## String Playing Techniques and Terms

**Bowing:** The playing of stringed instruments with a bow.

**Pizzicato:** The player plucks the strings with their finger.

**Double Stop:** A double stop is when a player pulls the bow across two strings at the same time.

**Triple Stop:** When the bow is drawn across three strings.

**Quadruple Stop:** When the bow is quickly drawn across four strings (Triple and Quadruple stopping is more complex).

**Vibrato:** Vibrato is a rapid and slight variation of pitch. It is produced on the string instruments when the player rocks their left hand while pressing down on a string.

**Mute:** The instruments sound can be muffled by putting a mute on the bridge.

**Tremolo:** Tremolo's feature quick, repeated tones made by fast up and down strokes of the bow.

**Harmonics:** High pitched tones made when certain points of the string are lightly touched.

**Plectrum:** When a string instrument is played using a small wedge rather than a bow. Plectrums are often used when playing a guitar.



**Exercise:**

Without looking at the previous sheet, what do these techniques and terms mean?

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**Plectrum:**