

NLO Shorts: An Introduction to the Orchestra



The French Horn

Watch the NLO Shorts videos introducing the instruments of the orchestra. You can find them on the New London Orchestra YouTube channel, or on their website at bit.ly/NLOShorts. As you are watching the videos, answer the questions below. If you're unsure about spellings, turning on subtitles might help! Some keywords are given to guide your answers to some questions.

1. What is the end of a French Horn called? [1]

Tube | Mouthpiece | Bell | Valves

2. What key is a French Horn in? [1]

3. With which other sections of the orchestra do horns typically play? [2]

Strings | Wind | Percussion | Brass

4. With which cultural movement is the French Horn particularly associated? [1]

5. Listen carefully to John Williams' *Hedwig's Theme* (3:02). Is this in a major or minor key? [1]

Extension: listen to the *Elegy* from Benjamin Britten's *Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings* (<https://youtu.be/BU609JJYfQ> 9:43–13:55). Do you like or dislike this music? Give at least three music-specific reasons justifying your answer.