



# Playing Percussion Instruments

<b>Age Range:</b>	Late Elementary, Middle School
<b>About:</b>	Students will be introduced to the percussion instruments
<b>Total Video Time:</b>	2:34 (lesson only); 8:57 (with extension)

## INTRODUCTION

Meet percussionist Eri Isomura! She will tell you about several instruments she plays and why she chose to play in the percussion section.

[Click here](#) to play the video. (Video approx. 2.5 minutes)

## FUN FACTS

- There are literally hundreds of percussion instruments. “Body percussion” means using your own body to create rhythmic patterns, maybe by clapping your hands or stomping your feet. Percussion is anything you strike, shake, or scrape to make a sound.
- [Mallet percussion](#) is a subgroup of the percussion family that includes bells, xylophone, vibraphone, and marimba. These instruments, unlike some percussion instruments, can play [melodies](#).

## LISTEN and WATCH

[Click here](#) for more music featuring percussion instruments. How many instruments can you name?