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Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

Circle group

A triangle is a music tool. It is one thin metal bar. The bar is bent. It has three sides.

A player holds it by a string. She taps it with a metal stick. Ting! The sound is clear.

Do not squeeze the metal. The ring will stop. The metal must shake. If it hangs free, the sound lasts.

Questions

1. What is a triangle made of?

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2. How many sides does it have?

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3. How does a player hold it?

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4. What does she tap it with?

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5. Why does the ring stop if you squeeze it?

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6. What shape is the bar bent into?

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Words to know

triangle: a shape with three sides

metal: a hard, shiny material like iron or steel

bent: curved or folded into a new shape
ring: to make a clear, long sound like a bell

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

A triangle is a music tool made of one thin metal bar. The bar is bent into the shape of a triangle. It has three sides.

A player holds the triangle by a small string. Then she taps it with a metal stick. Ting! The sound rings out clear and bright.

Do not hold the metal itself. If you squeeze it, the ring stops. The metal needs room to shake. When it hangs free, the sound can last a long time.

Questions

1. What is a triangle made of?

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2. How many sides does it have?

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3. How does a player hold it?

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4. What does the player use to tap it?

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5. Why does the ring stop if you squeeze the metal?

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6. Why does the triangle hang from a string?

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Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

Square group

A triangle is a musical instrument made from a single thin bar of metal. The bar is bent into the shape of a triangle, so it has three sides.

A player holds the triangle by a small loop of string and taps it with a metal stick. Ting! The sound rings out, clear and bright.

The player never grips the metal itself. If she squeezed it tightly, the ringing would stop right away, because the metal needs room to shake. When the triangle hangs freely, the sound can last for a long while.

Questions

1. What is a triangle instrument made from?

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2. How many sides does the bent bar have?

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3. How does the player hold the triangle?

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4. What does the player use to tap it?

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5. Why would squeezing the metal stop the ringing?

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6. Why does the triangle hang freely from a string?

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For the teacher: Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

Easier · 59 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.5

1. One thin metal bar.
2. Three.
3. By a string.
4. A metal stick.
5. The metal cannot shake.
6. A triangle.

Triangle: Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

This passage · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. One thin metal bar.
2. Three.
3. By a small string.
4. A metal stick.
5. The metal cannot shake when it is held tight.
6. So the metal can shake and the sound can last.

Square: Ting! A Triangle Rings When It Hangs Free

Harder · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. A single thin bar of metal.
2. Three.
3. By a small loop of string.
4. A metal stick.
5. The metal needs room to shake, and a tight grip stops it.
6. So the metal can shake and the sound can last.