

My Musical Story
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I am going to write a story to tell you about my musical instrument, Viola. It all started like this...

The musical instrument I play is the Viola. I have been playing the Viola for two years. My school held musical tuition every year. I registered for the Violin, however the 'Strings' teacher, Miss Warnock, put me in for the Viola.

The equipment needed in order to play the Viola is the Viola itself and the bow.

To play the Viola you rest the Viola on your left shoulder. You then take the bow and put the horsehair on the string(s). The sound comes when the bow is moved to and fro on the strings. To make different sounds you can use different strings or move your fingers across the fingerboard. Another way of playing the Viola is plucking the strings. To tune the instrument you turn the pegs.

My Viola lessons are held in school. They last thirty minutes and are held every Monday (unless it is a Bank Holiday or last week of term).

I practise my Viola four or five times a week. When I practise my Viola I feel anxious in case I get a piece wrong. I enjoy practising a lot. I get on, on my own.

I like playing "Wallace and Grommit," more than the other pieces. This is because I find it a fun and jolly piece to play.

When I practise my Mum gives me feedback.

Mum confirmed, "The beginning was good but the middle and end needs more practice."

I answered, "We only learned the beginning in school. We had to learn the other parts at home."

"Practise more and I will check in two to three days time," Mum explained.

I responded, "All right then."

I think I am improving with my musical ability because my results in my report are getting better.

I have taken and passed a Silver Music Medal Exam. I was full of anxiety when I took the exam. I also felt aroused due to the fact it was my first music exam. When I got my results I felt optimistic because I had passed successfully. My family were proud of me.

I have performed in "String Festival 2011." We had to play 11 pieces including 'Wallace and Grommit', 'Autumn' and 'Samba'. I felt proud about my performance. My friends and me enjoyed it...

"I loved it! How about you?" I asked.

Katherine replied, "Of course I enjoyed it despite the fact that it was scary!"

"My favourite piece is 'Autumn'. What is your favourite piece?" I inquired.

"I liked 'Roses from the South'. Don't you feel like doing the performance again?" Katherine asked me.

I responded, "Yeah, why not."

My ambitions for the future are playing my Viola in local concerts as much as I can.