In this monologue I will be listing and commenting on a range of instruments. Some will be well known, some not so much, others sound like a joke, but I'm not 100% sure. I'll be trying to go through all the letters of the alphabet, but will I succeed? There are some obscure letters out there. Let's go!!!!

## Accordion

The French bagpipe. That's 'accordioning' to me anyway. :P I wouldn't take any notice, I've gone slightly deaf.

## Banjo

Favourite instrument of the hobo. I wonder where people get banjo lessons from. Tramps? That would be an interesting thing to see. Paying people with sandwiches/ dog biscuits, being constantly filmed on mobile phones... A nightmare for shy tramps, but I've never seen a shy tramp, have you? Very strange, as confident people are usually successful. (Unless you go OTT).

## **Bass Guitar**

A favourite instrument for those who don't like to cause a fuss. Most bass players go unnoticed, but if you can pull off the slap technique (no, I'm not a mixed martial arts teacher/thug, Google 'slap bass') you will be noted for your funkiness.

## Cello

A huge violin that rhymes with 'hello'. That's nice. What isn't so nice is the way violin sounds like 'Vile Lynn'. A shame, it's a sweet sounding instrument if played well. Fittingly, it sounds horrible if not, though. A parent could call their child Lynn, buy her a violin and refuse to give her lessons for the sake of a pun, but the planning you'd have to go through? A bit unbelievable.

### Didgeridoo

If you can't play tunes on an instrument and it's not used as percussion, is it really an instrument? Sure you could bash a didgeridoo on someone's head, creating a drumlike sound, but it's much more likely a player of such an 'instrument' will get attacked, possibly by me.

### **Electric Guitar**

The best looking and sounding instrument by far. I'm sorry to say this to bruised and battered people in hospital, only being treated with minimal care, but have you ever seen a cool looking didgeridoo? They're just massive hollow sticks.

### Flute

Made of metal, this is the sturdiest weapon so far. If a fight of the world's most random and alphabetised group of musicians broke out, treasure your flute.

# Gong

I hate to give spoilers, but this is the best shield of the whole list. Again, what a strange fight. It won't matter if you damage your gong, as you'll hardly ever play it anyway. Unless you've been told to play the most dramatic song ever written.

Harp

Leave the harp player alone, it's not ok to attack mushy 12 year old girls.

## Indian Banjo

The favourite instrument of the Indian hobo, I presume. Tbh, I've never heard of it. Middle Eastern hobos giving banjo lessons sounds a lot more likely than British ones, though. Why? Well, I've seen videos of random Indians on the street selling medicine without prescriptions, and stuff like that. Why not give banjo lessons, too?

## Jew's Harp

Wow, having searched for this one on Youtube, I can say it's NOTHING like a harp. At very least give the instrument strings. It actually sounds like a didgeridoo.

### Kalimba

Apparently, you can learn to play a kalimba in minutes. Well done. If a five year old new to drawing, drew a picture of his parents in a few minutes, I BET it wouldn't be any good. Sure you could make the child feel better by wearing lots of makeup, and buying strange clothes, making yourself look like the drawing, but he'll find out eventually that he sucks and you'll look absolutely terrifying.

### Lute

An obscure instrument that isn't worth learning about? Say that to a bank robber/ pirate.

### Marimba

An instrument with a similar a name to kalimba, and that sounds the same. Something fishy is going on. Maybe the two things ARE the same, but someone with a stutter caused a misunderstanding??

No instruments begin with N?? Never mind, I did two Bs. Nice and balanced.

## Organ

The organ of the church? Sounds creepy and certainly gory. Fittingly, church organ music is also creepy. Coincidence??

Piano

Oh ok, pianos are percussion instruments? My music program 'Sibelius' calls them 'keyboards' and that sounds right to me.

No instruments beginning with Q? Sounds about right. Never mind, let's do two Rs.

Rubab

Musical rhubarb??

#### Recorder

Church organs aren't organs, recorders don't record. -\_- Children's lives are confusing enough with all the school and such. If you want to give them an instrument to learn, make its name logical. Don't call it a camera, or whatever.

#### Saxophone

Ah the saxophone, the woodwind instrument that's made of brass. Ok, a tiny part is made of wood, but a small amount of people are made of iron. Do I go around saying I'm made of iron? (Now I'm on medication). How disappointing would the Iron Man films be if the superhero was just a regular guy with traces of metal in his blood? And of course, the Black Sabbath song would be stupid.

#### Tambourine

For the sake of simplicity, I'd call these dum-dum rattles. You have to think of the children as only children play them. Well maybe. Ever heard of Bach's virtuoso tambourine piece? Or Mike Portnoy going crazy on the tambourine? Me neither. You just bash them every beat or so.

#### Ukulele

If you don't find saying this word funny, you have no soul. Unless you're called 'Haleigh'. As in 'You kill Haleigh'. Horrifying.

### Violin

No frets! What a nightmare! Vivaldi was said to have sold his soul to the devil to get his instrumental skills. I'll tell you what sounds really evil: A violin noob!!

#### Whamola

A whammy bar on a viola? (No, that's what it is). Sounds like a burger to me, i.e., the Burger King Whamola. Delicious.

#### **Xylophone**

Perhaps the most famous word beginning with X of all time. THAT'S a percussion instrument. Not a piano.

No instrument beginning with Y? Let's go to a more in depth music site for the names...

... And we have...

Yanggeum!

Another word that's fun to say, but the people playing them look far more sophisticated. The thinking man's ukulele, maybe??

Zither

If snakes slither, do Zakes Zither? (As in play zithers). Sounds random, but Zake is a real name, hence the capital letter. I don't know anyone called Zake, but as soon as I meet one, I'll question him.

Ok, done! You won't have learnt anything complex, but you may at least have come across new funny words, which I think is better. That's it! Done! Bye!