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 COPY the following sentences, and draw or trace at least three instruments on this sheet.

GUITAR FACTS!

Guitars belong to the family of **"FRETTED" STRING INSTRUMENTS**.

There are two main types of guitar used today - the **ACOUSTIC** guitar and the **ELECTRIC** guitar.

ELECTRIC guitars have no soundbox. Instead, the vibrations of the strings are converted into small electrical signals by **pick-ups** near each string, and the guitar is plugged into an **amplifier** and **loudspeaker** system which makes the sound much louder.

ACOUSTIC guitars are hollow - so the vibrations of the string are made louder (amplified) as they reverberate inside the body of the guitar (called the **soundbox**). There are different types of acoustic and electric guitars, including:

<i>ACOUSTIC</i>	<i>ELECTRIC</i>
Spanish guitars, Folk guitars, 12 - string guitars.	Lead guitars, Rhythm guitars, Bass guitars.

Spanish guitar



Lead guitar



GUITAR RELATIVES!

Mandolin



Lute



Banjo



An instrument called the **LUTE** was very popular from the 13th Century onwards, but it is played rarely today.

MANDOLINS have pear-shaped bodies and 4 pairs of strings. They are also rare, but are sometimes used today especially in folk music.

The **BANJO** was developed from a similar African instrument and brought to America by the black slaves. It is still heard today, especially in jazz music.

The **BALALAIKA** is a Russian instrument still played today in Russian folk music. Easily recognisable, it has a rectangular body. Balalaikas are made in different sizes, and you may see complete Balalaika "orchestras" playing.

Balalaika

