

Harmonics

How To Play Harmonics



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If you very, very lightly touch the string halfway along, you'll hear a 'harmonic'. Try putting your hand right up to the neck of the violin, then stretch your 4th finger out on the A string towards you.

The sound should be an octave (eight notes) higher than the open string.

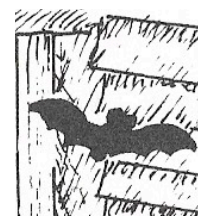
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Keep the finger touch light and the bow speed swift, to help achieve a beautiful sound on all strings.

Activities

Once you have found the correct place for the harmonic on the A string, find the harmonics on the G, D and E strings too.

Here is a tune that uses the D and A harmonics. Give it a try!



Humming Bat

Hum - ming bat, fly - ing high, hear how he sings.

5 What a strange crea - ture with bright co - loured wings!