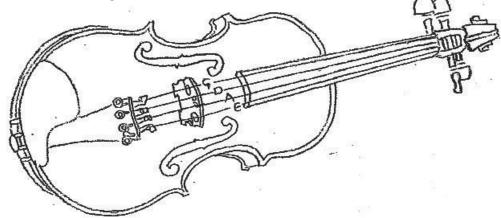
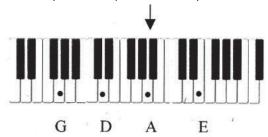
IN TUNE

It is important to play an instrument which is tuned; otherwise the pieces will not sound as they should, and your ear for what is 'in tune' will not be developed. Adjusters make the task easier, as then the pegs will only need to be used when the adjusters reach their limits. These are the four strings of the violin:



Play A on a piano or keyboard



or listen to an A on the CD



Pluck the string with your left thumb and turn the adjuster with your right finger and thumb until the two pitches are aligned. Turning clockwise raises the pitch, and anti-clockwise lowers it. You may find it difficult to assess at first; keep turning until the parity or difference between the two becomes more obvious. Repeat the

procedure with the other strings.



or use an instrument tuning app.



or blow an A on violin pitch-pipes:





When needing to use the pegs, tighten the string by twisting the peg away from you to raise the pitch, and loosen to lower it. Remember to screw inwards as well as forward and back, to prevent the peg from slipping.

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