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Each instrument has a set of four _____ which are made of animal gut, nylon or steel. These are wrapped around pegs at one end of the instrument and attached to a tailpiece at the other. They are stretched tightly across a _____ to produce their assigned pitches.

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When you pluck the strings it is called _____ and when you bow the strings it is called _____.

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