The guitar is one of the most widely played and recognized instruments in many different genres of music! From Spanish styles of playing demonstrated by Carlo, to folk music heard around a campfire, the guitar is a versatile instrument capable of producing many different styles of sounds and music.

An acoustic guitar, like the one in this Mann Music Room video, consists of a hallow body made of wood, with six strings stretched over the body and all along the thin narrow neck of the guitar. Along the neck are various frets, when a string is pressed down, the combination of the string and fret placement create a different musical note. To play the guitar, you can pluck individual strings or strum all of them at once to play what is known as a chord!

The cajon is a type of drum which means it is a part of the percussion instruments family. The cajon is a rectangular box with a small hole on the of the sides. This hole allows for the sound coming out of the cajon to amplify and be loud enough to provide musical rhythm.

Traditionally, the cajon is something you sit on top of and play with your hands. By striking different locations on the cajon you can create different rhythms and beats to march and dance along with.

While you can purchase a cajon online or from a music store, you can also use different items you find at home to simulate the function of a cajon! Look to see if you have any of the following to try out at home:

- an empty shoebox
- a box that a package arrived in
- a desk drawer
**Word Bank**

SPAIN  CAJON  DRUM  NECK
GUITAR  RHYTHM  FRET  STRING