WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VIOLIN AND A FIDDLE?

**Violin**
- Played with a bow,
- strummed,
- or fingerpicked
- 4 strings
- identical appearance
- Uses synthetic-core strings
- Classical violinists are very precise in how they play a piece
- Fewer deviations from the music
- AKA - more traditional
- Most often associated with classical music, orchestras, symphonies, and chamber music

**Fiddle**
- Played with a bow,
- strummed,
- or fingerpicked
- 4 strings
- identical appearance
- Uses steel-core strings
- Fiddlers often have much more freedom in how they interpret a piece of music and in creating their own playing style
- Fiddle players will often use different techniques like string bending to change the sound
- Most often associated with a wider variety of genres including cajun, bluegrass, folk, and country

Above, is a Venn Diagram! A venn diagram is used to compare subjects that share common features. In the right circle, features specific to the violin are highlighted and on the left are features specific to the fiddle. Do you notice how these circles intersect though? That's because the features found inside the "in-between" are things that the violin and fiddle have in common!
What else can we compare using venn diagrams?
Try filling in some of the samples below!

Apples

Oranges

Singing

Dancing