**Name:**

**Do now activity**

The next unit that we will be completing is 204ta – Instrumental Study

What instrument will you choose to base your project on? (You should choose the instrument that you feel most confident to play)

**Learning Objectives**

**To know** what maintenance your instrument/voice requires

**To understand** the importance of maintaining your instrument/voice

**To be able to** discuss the key factors of instrument maintenance

**Start Activity**

Draw a diagram of your instrument/vocal anatomy and label each part, describing what it is and what it does.

**Main activity**

Research and discuss the importance of maintaining your instrument/voice

Think about the following (dependant on your choice of instrument, not every point will be relevant):

* Warm-Ups (for voice/fingers)
* Lubrication (for voice/ stringed instruments)
* Posture (Standing correctly whilst singing)
* Breathing (Breath control – Singing and brass/Woodwind instrument)
* Tuning (Guitar strings/ piano)
* Re-stringing (Guitars)
* Storing of instrument (Case required?/ Not left in direct sunlight)
* General care (Dusting/Cleaning of instrument)
* Room temperature (not too hot or cold for instrument storage)
* Leads/Adaptors working (Check regularly)
* Electrical Equipment PAT tested
* Stands for instrument (e.g. keyboard stand)

Now write a paragraph (approx. 100 words) about your instrument and the maintenance that it needs in order to be kept in the best possible condition. Think about all the points previously mentioned and also discuss the following:

* Do you think that good instrument maintenance leads to a better performance?
* As a musician, do you think it is your responsibility to maintain your instrument?

**Chosen Instrument:**