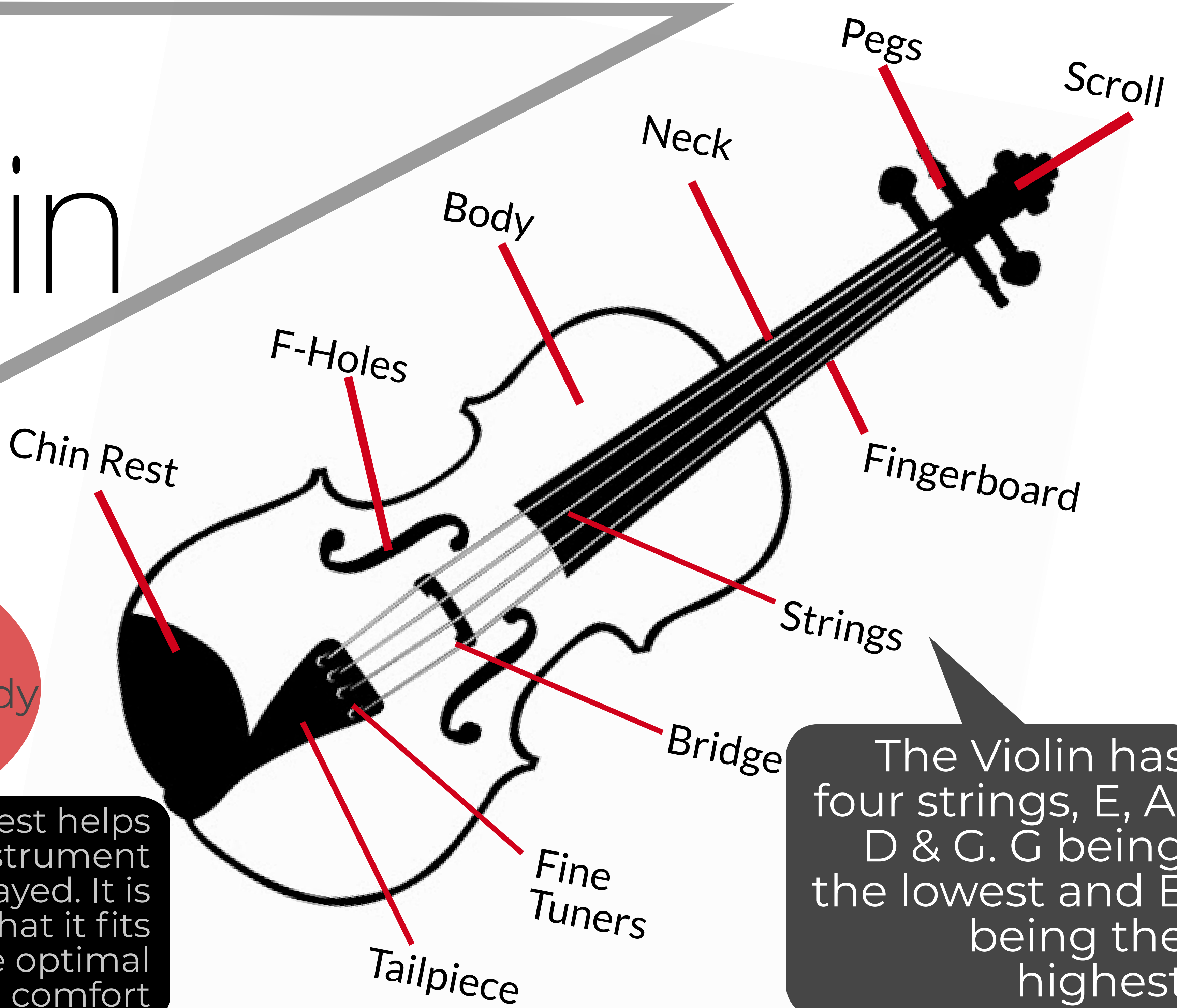


Violin



The F-Holes help direct sound waves travel out of the body of the violin

The Chin Rest helps support the instrument when it is played. It is important that it fits properly to ensure optimal posture and comfort

The Violin has four strings, E, A, D & G. G being the lowest and E being the highest

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Some of the best violinists around today are Itzhak Perlman, Maxim Vengerov, Hilary Hahn and Nicola Benedetti.

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The largest-ever violin ensemble was made up of 4,645 violinists, all aged between 7 and 15

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The famous violin-maker Antonio Stradivari made an estimated 960 violins in his lifetime.

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The technical term for a violin-maker is luthier.

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The world's biggest violin is 14 feet long.

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The world's most expensive violin, made by Stradivarius, is called the "Lady Blunt". It was auctioned for £9.3 million to raise money for the victims of the 2011 Japanese tsunami.

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The instruction *col legno*, means to strike the string of the violin with the wooden back of the bow.

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The violin was invented by Andrea Amati in the 1500s.

5

Ben Lee holds the world record for fastest violinist after he played Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee* in 58.515 seconds.

