

Review Key Words

strings	cords used for tying or plucking
sounds	noises; that which can be heard
thin	having little space between
	two sides of an object
thick	having a large space
	between two sides of an
	object



Write a Prediction

Read the Story

6 Most guitars are made of light
 12 wood. They have many strings. The
 19 strings are made of bronze, nylon, or
 26 steel. Some of the strings are thin.
 32 They make high sounds. The thick
 36 strings make low sounds.
 43 Both hands are used to play a
 50 guitar. One hand is used to press
 57 down on the strings. The other hand
 63 plucks, or strums, the strings. Strings
 70 are plucked by pulling on the string
 77 and then letting go of it quickly.
 Plucking the strings makes the sound

83 of one note at a time. Strings are
 91 strummed by running the fingers
 96 across them. Strumming makes the
 101 sound of many notes at one time.
 108 This sound is called a **chord**.
 114 A guitar can be played by itself or
 122 as part of a band. People like to sing
 131 with a guitar because it helps them
 138 stay on key. They also like the way a
 147 guitar sounds when people sing with
 153 it.
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