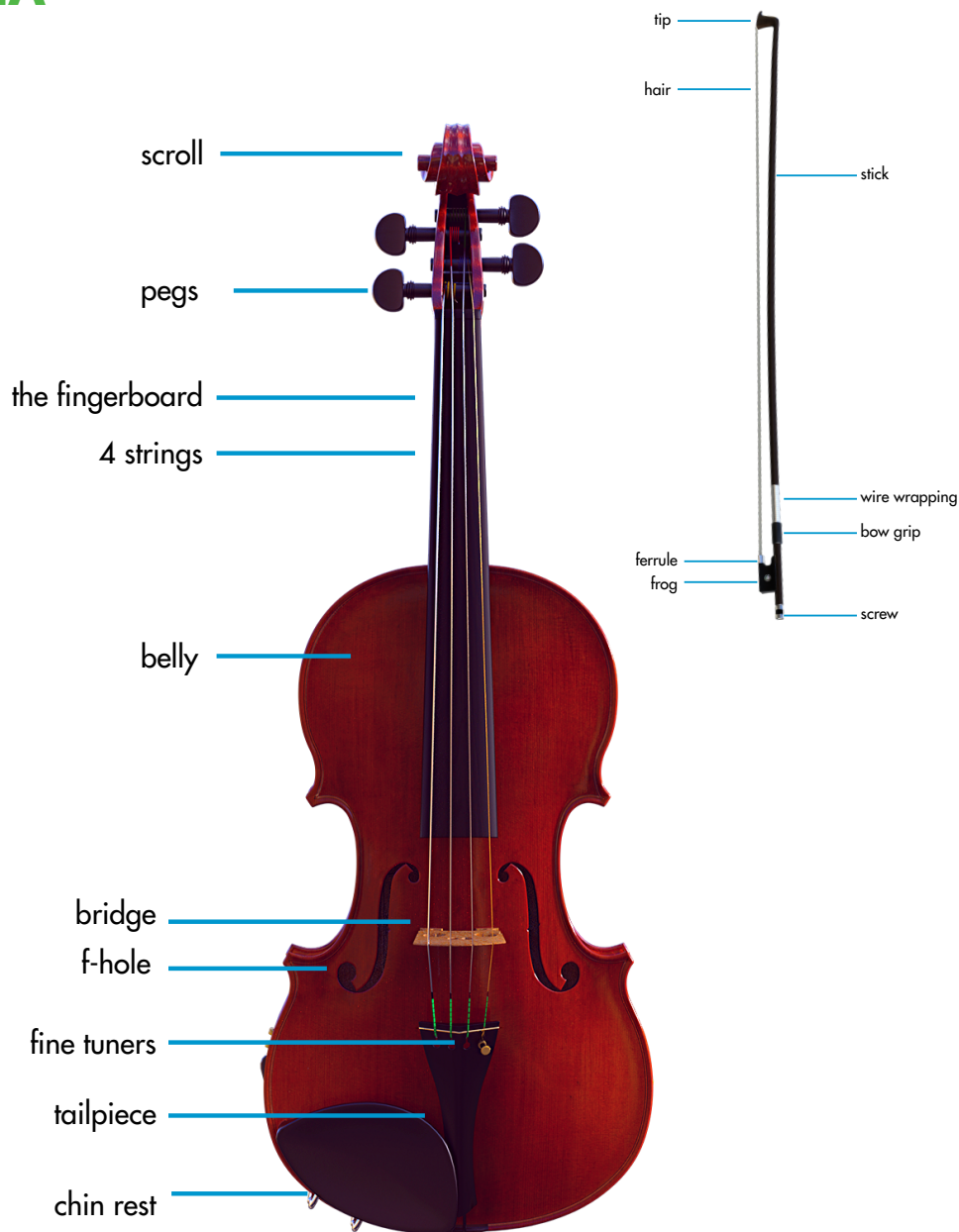


# CARING FOR YOUR VIOLA

## TAKING YOUR VIOLA OUT OF ITS CASE:

1. Lay your viola case flat on the floor or a table with the label facing up then carefully
2. Open the case.
3. Use your right hand to grab the viola by the fingerboard.
4. Hold your viola by the belly, underneath your arm, and support it with your hands.
5. Carefully unlatch your bow from the lid of the case and remove it by lightly lifting the frog and pulling it out toward the bottom of the case. Be careful, as the tip of the bow can break against the case.
6. If needed, turn your bow to face the hair up and turn the screw to the right to add tension to the hair.





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Slightly loosen the screw of the bow when not in use.
- Violas are very sensitive to temperature. Store your viola in a temperature-controlled environment; never leave it in your car.
- There are many moving parts on your viola that can be pulled out or unscrewed. Never pull out or unscrew any part of your viola. These are for your teachers or an instrument repair professional to handle.

## WHAT NOT TO DO WITH YOUR VIOLA:

- Touch the bridge or the hair of the bow. Always hold the bow by the stick.
- Place your viola or the bow on the floor.
- Swing around any parts of your instrument.
- Use your bow as a pointer, cane, walking stick, or to move objects.
- Leave your viola in the car or other place where it can be stolen.
- Place any object into your viola.
- Attempt to tune your instrument. Your teachers are professionals who can do it in a breeze!