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# The Violin

## Some Background Knowledge

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# The Violin

1 - Trace and Label

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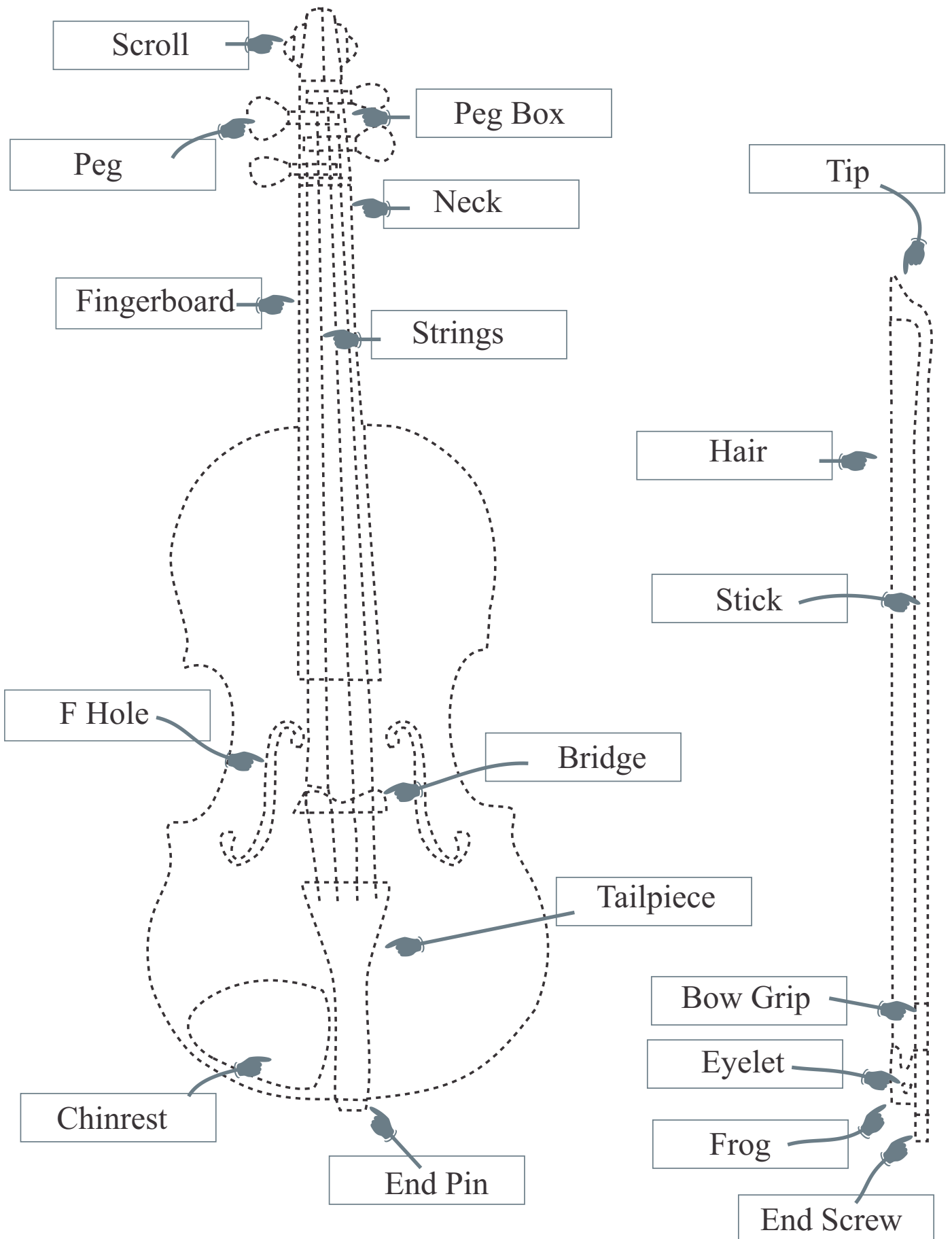
A large dashed outline of a violin is centered on the page. It is surrounded by 18 empty rectangular boxes. Lines with hand icons point from each box to a specific part of the violin, such as the scroll, f-hole, body, and tailpiece. To the right of the violin, there is a vertical dashed line representing the neck and pegbox, also with 10 empty boxes and hand icons pointing to various parts like the pegbox, fingerboard, and tailpiece.



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2 - Trace and Label - Answers

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# The Violin

## 3 - Some Interesting Facts

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- i The violin is sometimes called a fiddle and a violinist is also called a fiddler.
- i The four members of the violin family are: violin, viola, cello and bass.
- i Violins have four strings which are tuned in perfect fifths.
- i The strings are labelled E, A, D and G. The E has the highest pitch and G the lowest.
- i The violin is held against the left collar bone, with the chin resting on the chin-rest.
- i The violin is usually played either by drawing a bow across the strings or by plucking the strings.
- i The violin is most commonly seen in a symphony orchestra but is also used in jazz, popular and folk music.
- i Horse hairs, from a horse's tail, coated with rosin, are used for the bow strings.
- i Rosin is made from the resin of plants, mostly pines. It is made into solid cakes which is rubbed onto the bow strings to produce a good sound.
- i Violin strings used to be made of "catgut" which was not cat's intestines, but sheep's intestines stretched tight, dried out and twisted. These days they are most often steel or synthetic fibres.