

String Family



The string family is made of wood.
A string instrument is played by moving a bow across a string.



Bass

The bass is the biggest member of the family.
The bass plays notes that sound very low.



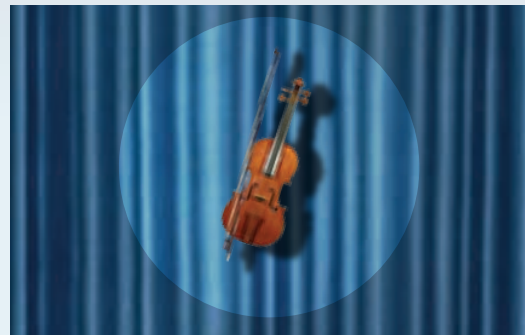
Cello

The cello is a low-sounding instrument that
often plays beautiful melodies with the orchestra.



Viola

The viola is similar to a violin, but if you look carefully,
you'll see that it's a little bit bigger –
like a big brother or sister!



Violin

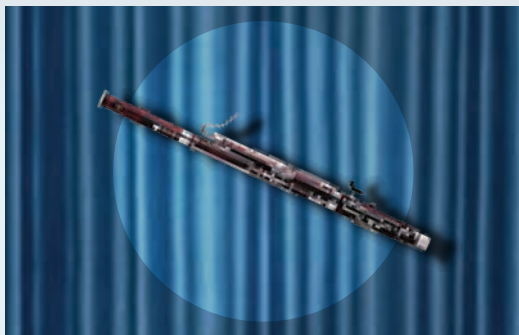
The violin is the smallest member of the family.
It is a very important part of an orchestra,
and usually gets to play the melody.



Woodwind Family



Each member of the woodwind family makes its sound by blowing air into it. It is usually made of wood.



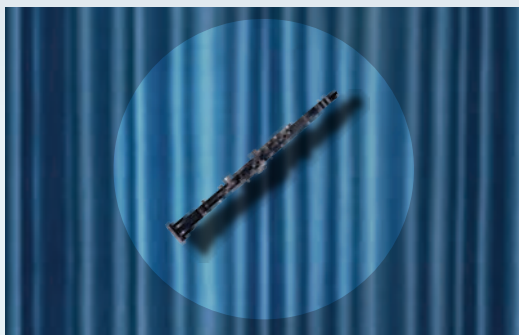
Bassoon

The bassoon is the granddaddy of the woodwind family. It is very tall and has a low, dark sound.



Oboe

The oboe is a smaller member of this family, and can play beautiful solo melodies.



Clarinet

The clarinet is black with bright silver keys, and has a smooth sound.



Flute

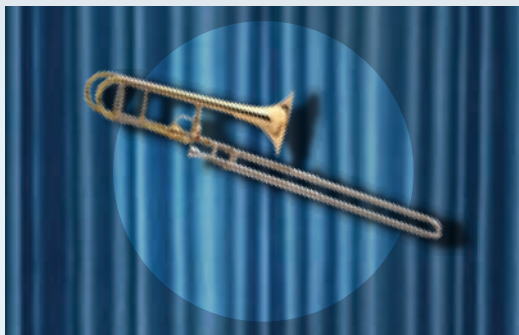
Some people think that the flute can sound like a bird when it plays high notes. It can have a bright, cheerful sound.



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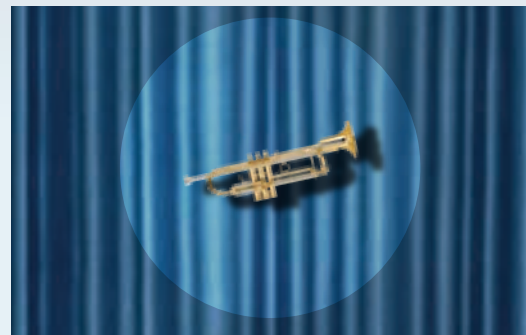


Brass instruments are made of bright, shiny metal and can sound very loud when they want to. This family can make exciting music together!



Trombone

The trombone has a long slide that makes its notes by moving its slide up and down.



Trumpet

The trumpet is a high-sounding member of this family. It can play loud fanfares, or sweet lullabys.



Tuba

The tuba is the biggest member of this family, and can play very low notes.



French Horn

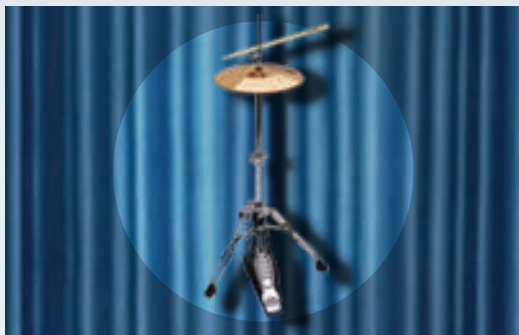
The French horn is a pretty instrument with lots of curls. It has a warm sound that can play beautiful melodies.



Percussion Family

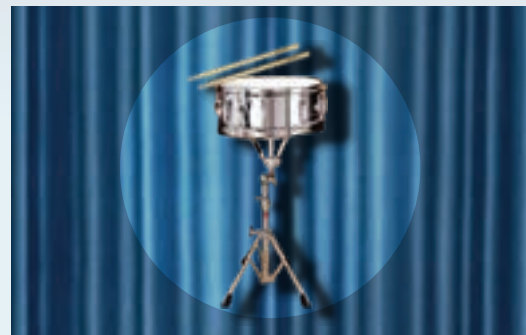


A percussion instrument makes its sound when it is hit with something, like a drumstick or a hand.



Hi-hat

A hi-hat is made of brass and is hit with a stick. It can make a loud crash sound or a fun rhythm that you can dance to!



Snare Drum

The snare drum is a drum that makes a rattling noise when it's hit with a stick. It is a very popular member of this family!



Timpani

The timpani is also known as a kettledrum because it looks like a big pot, or kettle.



Tom-tom

A tom-tom is similar to a snare drum, but without the metal rattling noise. It can come in many different sizes.

