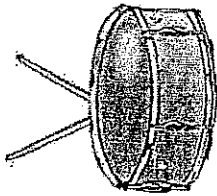


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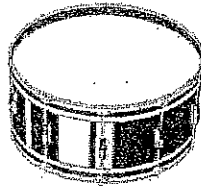
## Percussion

The percussion family includes a wide variety of rhythm instruments -- it's not "just drums!" You will play snare drum, bass drum, crash cymbals, triangle, xylophone, glockenspiel, timpani and many more instruments that you can hit, shake or scrape.



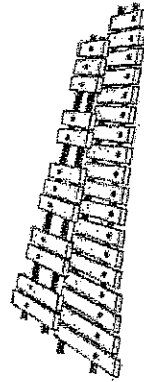
### Snare Drum (Untuned Percussion)

The snare drum has a metal frame and two drum heads -- the top head is struck with drumsticks and the bottom head has several strings (or snares) stretched across it.



### Bass Drum (Untuned Percussion)

The Bass Drum is the largest and lowest of untuned percussion instruments.

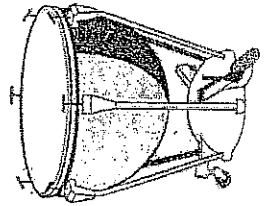


### Glockenspiel (Tuned Percussion)

The bells are another percussion instrument made up of tuned metal bars that are arranged like a keyboard and are played with mallets.

### Timpani (Tuned Percussion)

The Timpani are drums that can play a melody and are tuned to specific pitches. They are also known as Kettle Drums.



Your band director and instrumental teacher will tell you exactly what you need for rehearsals and lessons.

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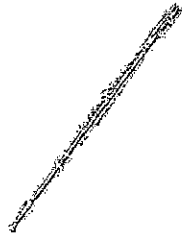
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## Woodwinds

The woodwind family includes flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon. Most of these instruments read treble clef, except bassoon which reads bass. All involve keys that you press to change the pitch of the notes and air being blown through them.

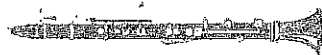
### Flute

The flute is the only woodwind held sideways, you blow across a mouthpiece, instead of through it. If you play flute for several years, you may get to play the piccolo, a smaller version of the flute.



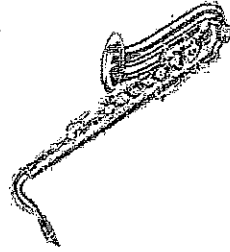
### Clarinet

The clarinet is the foundational woodwind instrument, and there's no such thing as "too many" in a band. The clarinet is a single reed instrument, if you play clarinet, you can easily play saxophone, oboe or bassoon later.



### Saxophone

The saxophone is a single-reed instrument with a mouthpiece and reed just like the clarinet's only larger. There are actually 8 saxes in the saxophone family, all with the same fingering, but only the alto and tenor are considered "beginning instruments"



## Brass

The brass family includes trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba. All of these instruments have a cup-shaped mouthpiece that you buzz into to make the sound.

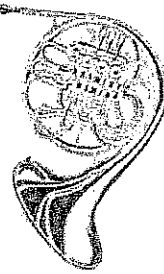
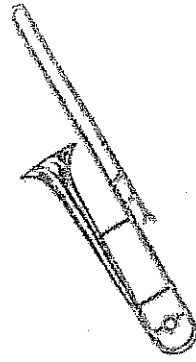


### Trumpet

The trumpet is the highest voice in the brass family. It is a very versatile instrument that can play in both wind band and stage band.

### Trombone

The trombone is unique because it has a slide that you move in and out to change the pitch of the instrument. It has a wide range and can play a variety of music. Every band director hopes for a big trombone section!



### French Horn

The French horn is an important part of every band. Originally it was used as a hunting horn, but now provides a very beautiful and mellow sound to the band. We always need French horns!

### Euphonium & Tuba

The Euphonium looks like a small tuba and with the tubas provides the foundation of a band's sound. Bands always need lots of Euphoniums and Tubas for their low and supportive sounds.

