

Music Activity

Name: _____

Grade: _____



Flute



Clarinet

The Woodwind Family

The flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet and saxophone are all instruments in the **woodwind family**. Except for the saxophone, all these instruments were once made of wood. They were all played by blowing with air or wind, so they were called “woodwind”. The clarinet and saxophone have a **reed** that is placed in the mouthpiece. When the player blows into the mouthpiece, the reed vibrates creating sound. The oboe and bassoon have a **double reed** - two pieces of cane tied together that vibrate to create sound. Sound on the flute is made by blowing across the tone hole.

All the woodwind instruments are made like a tube. The tube has holes in it. When all the holes are covered, air goes all the way to the end of the tube and makes a low sound. When all the holes are open, the air only goes a little way. This makes a high sound. Try this on your recorder!

1. A long tube will make this kind of sound: low or high (circle one)
2. A short tube will make this kind of sound: low or high (circle one)
3. Most woodwind instruments were once made of: brass or wood (circle one)
4. The clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon have a _____ that vibrates and makes the sound.



Bassoon



Oboe

Who am I?

I was once made of wood. Today I am made of silver or other metals. To play me you blow across the tone hole - just as if you were blowing across the top of a pop bottle. I am a _____.

I am made of wood or plastic. My sound is made by the vibrating of the reed - a piece of cane that is fastened to the mouthpiece. I am a _____.

I am made of wood or plastic. I am really a large oboe. My sound is made by a double reed. Because I am larger than the oboe, I play lower notes. I am a _____.