

# Music Education

# Instruments of the Orchestra

Lesson 6 : Grades 3-6



# Review of Lesson 5 : Saxophone



A saxophone is a member of what orchestra instrument family?

What are the three parts of a saxophone?

What are 2 styles of music where the saxophone is prominent?



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## Lesson 6 : Oboe

### THE WOODWIND FAMILY

**CLARINET**



**OBOE**



**FLUTE**



**SAXOPHONE**



**BASSOON**



# Oboe

## Learning Intentions:

I can identify the sound of an oboe playing.

I can identify an oboe reed.



**Watch these videos to  
hear what an oboe sounds like,  
and see how it is played.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nNilTdpDiE>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6ljKY\\_DYXw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6ljKY_DYXw)



# There are 4 main parts of an oboe:

From the pictures, can you name the four main parts?



With thanks, this pic comes from:

<https://www.alamy.com/music-instruments-oboe-different-parts-wind-instrument-image7985930.html>



With thanks, this pic comes from:

<https://www.istockphoto.com/ca/photo/oboe-reed-mouthpiece-for-double-reed-musical-instrument-gm172189718-2730426>

Look carefully at the picture of an oboe mouthpiece above. What do you notice? How is it different from the reed used with a clarinet or saxophone?

# An oboe is a double reed instrument. What is a double reed?



With thanks, this pic comes from:

<https://www.kesslerandsons.com/product/kessler-custom-artist-series-oboe-reed/>

A double reed has two pieces of cane-wood that vibrate against each other when a musician blows against them. The double reed acts as a fipple to produce the unique sound. Check out this video to see what I mean.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUhVwJqial0>

The double reed is fitted into a cork piece, which can then be attached to the upper joint of the oboe.

If you want to know more, here is a video to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgWe6av1lag>



**The oboe is usually played with an orchestra.  
Here is Gabriels's Oboe by Ennio Morricone.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WJhax7Jmxx>



Oboist is Henrik Chaim Goldsmidt.



# Here are some videos with musicians playing oboe. Do you recognize these compositions?

Hallelujah by Leonard Cohn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xl8GGmedWl0>



Havana by Camillo Cabello

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un-K6g2rQN8&list=TLPQMTlwNTlwMjJjFBUPqIlgEuA&index=1>



**Here is a famous piece called “Morning Mood”.**

**It is part of a longer composition called “Peer Gynt” by Edvard Grieg**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x463zoWpiVI&list=RD-rh8gMvzPw0&index=3>

**Can you hear when the oboe is playing?  
What other wind instruments do you hear?**



With thanks, this pic comes from:

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/riverwalk-by-sunrise-deroche-dave-kennedy.html>

**A final short oboe concert for you to enjoy.**

**Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen (8:02 min)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goeYNLK\\_0X8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goeYNLK_0X8)



**Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter (5:32 min)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9s2-x40HvHU>



# Oboe

The oboe is a double reed instrument.



An oboe is usually only included within an orchestra.



A double reed instrument has two small reeds secured together.

**Listen to music. Dance to music. Play music.  
Until next time .....**

