

Music Education

Instruments of the Orchestra

Lesson 4 : Grades 3-6



Review of Lesson 3 : Flute

A flute is a member of what orchestra instrument family?

A flute played in an orchestra (transverse flute) has three parts.

What are they? (Hint: Think of your body.)

What kind of flute is a traditional instrument of Indigenous people in Peru? (Hint: Think of cooking.)



Instruments of the Orchestra

Lesson 4: Clarinet

THE WOODWIND FAMILY

CLARINET



OBOE



FLUTE



SAXOPHONE



BASSOON



Clarinet

Learning Intentions:

I can identify the sound of a clarinet playing.

I know three kinds of music where clarinet is highlighted or prominent.



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Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin

This YouTube video shows a most famous clarinet part for orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiYxLKWVfR8>

Did you notice the warm sound of the clarinet.



Would you like to hear the whole composition?
Click on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-MJZjJs4A>

What does this song make you think about?
What other instrument is prominent in this composition?

There are 5 parts to the Clarinet.



Mouthpiece

Has a reed and is where the tone is created.

Barrel

Can be longer or shorter. It finetunes the clarinet's pitch.

Upper Joint

Keys for the left hand.

Lower Joint

Keys for the right hand.

Bell

Responsible for the lowest tone.

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<http://www.the-clarinets.net/english/clarinet-instrument.html>

What is a reed for the mouthpiece of a clarinet?



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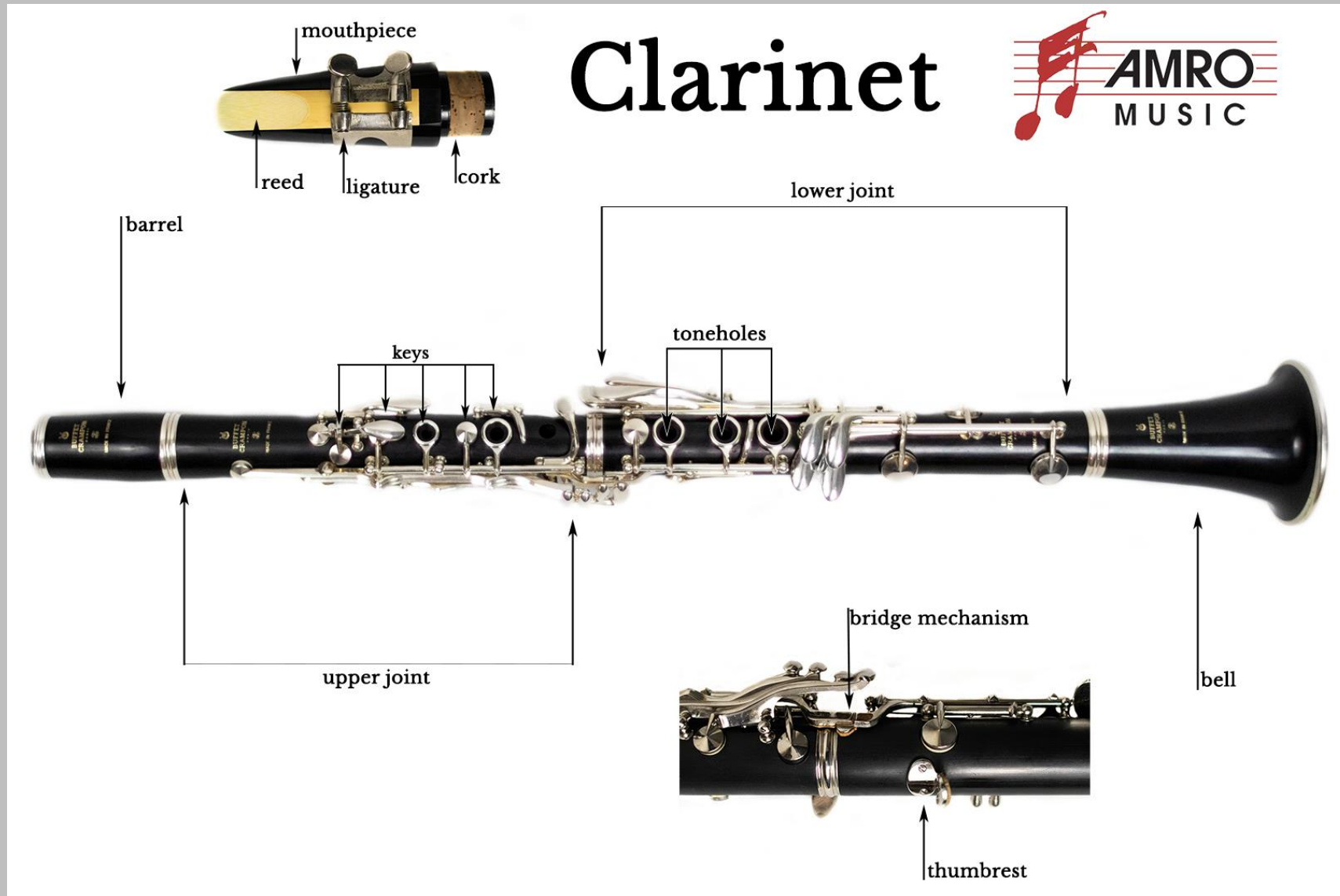
The reed is a thin piece of wood made to act as a fipple for creating the sound of some instruments, including the clarinet.



With thanks, this pic comes from: <https://www.amazon.com/Clarinet-Mouthpiece-Ligature-Plastic-Cap-black/dp/B00P0AHRQ0/>

The reed is attached to the mouthpiece.

Here's a diagram of more detailed parts of a clarinet.



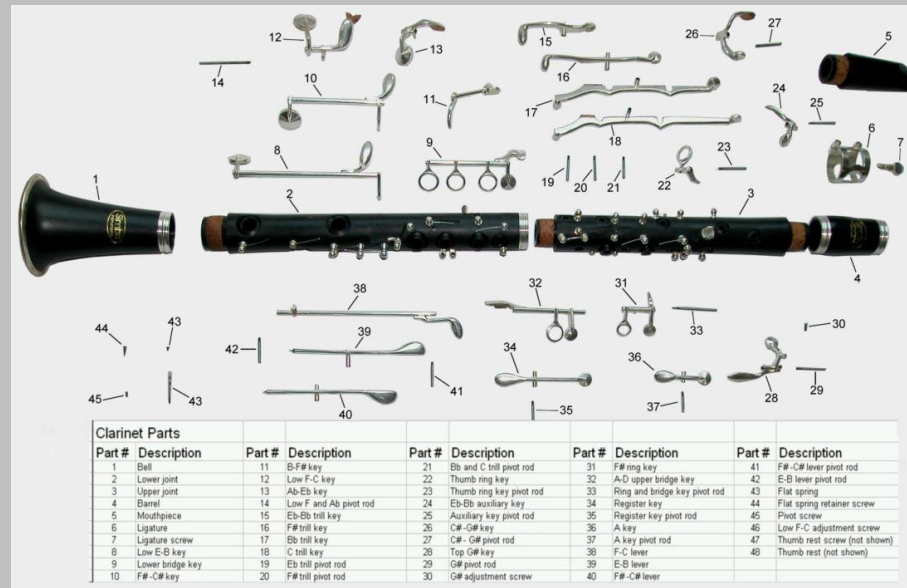
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How a Clarinet is Made

There is quite a process to making a clarinet. Below is a video that shows you the factory process of making a clarinet. If you are interested in building things, you may find this process fascinating.

How It's Made – Clarinet

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



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Clarinet plays a key role in several styles or genres of music.

Genre: Classical Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT_63UntRJE



Genre: Klezmer Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNUY9pqyEaI>



Genre: What is your guess? Do you recognize this piece?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xb_O_P84Akw

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

Genre: Jazz Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN6Nul5DS0o>



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<https://www.dreamstime.com/stock-photo-musicians-playing-clarinet-band-close-up-image60028374>



A final short concert for you to enjoy.

Lean On (3:30 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuEMqMc1Fh4>



Despacito (3:30 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHEA1G4FO5c>



Clarinet



In an orchestra, a clarinet is a member of the woodwind family.



The clarinet is important in several genres or styles of music.



The clarinet has a very warm sound.



3 genres of music where clarinet can be prominent are classical, jazz, and klezmer.

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

