

# Music Education

# Instruments of the Orchestra

Lesson 5 : Grades 3-6



# Review of Lesson 4 : Clarinet



M

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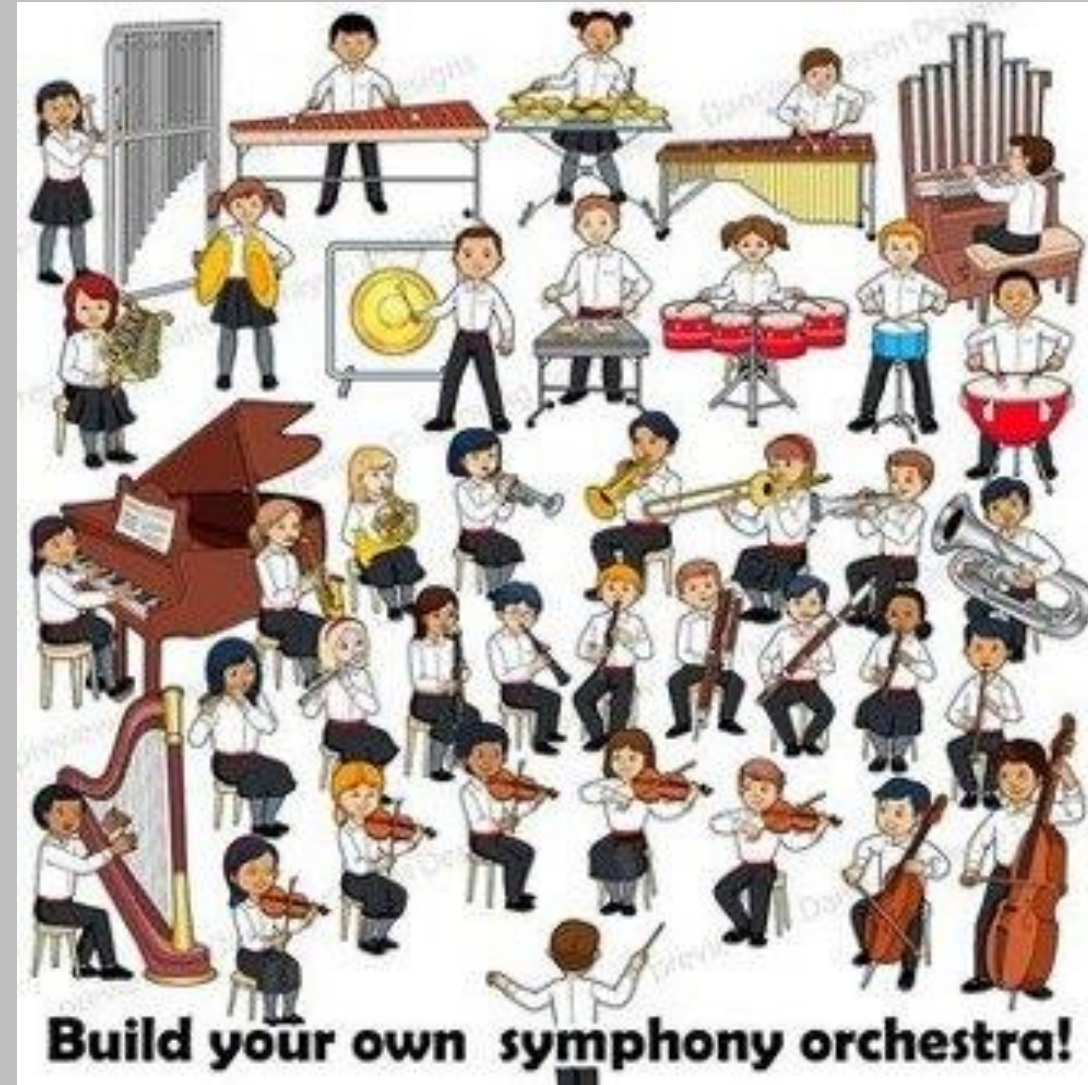
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A clarinet is a member of what orchestra instrument family?

It has five parts. What are they?

(Hint: M, B, UJ, LJ, B)

What are 3 styles of music where the clarinet is prominent?  
(Hint: Cl, Ja, Kle)



# Instruments of the Orchestra

## Lesson 5 : Saxophone

### THE WOODWIND FAMILY

**CLARINET**



**OBOE**



**FLUTE**



**SAXOPHONE**



**BASSOON**



# Saxophone

## Learning Intentions:

**I can identify the sound of a saxophone playing.**

**I know two kinds of music where saxophone is highlighted or prominent.**



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# Here's some videos of saxophone music. Which compositions do you recognize?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya\\_HIM2SjUo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya_HIM2SjUo)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7g-TOxcnZs>



There are 3 main parts to the saxophone:

**Mouthpiece                      Neck                      Body**

**Watch this short video (1m 30s):**

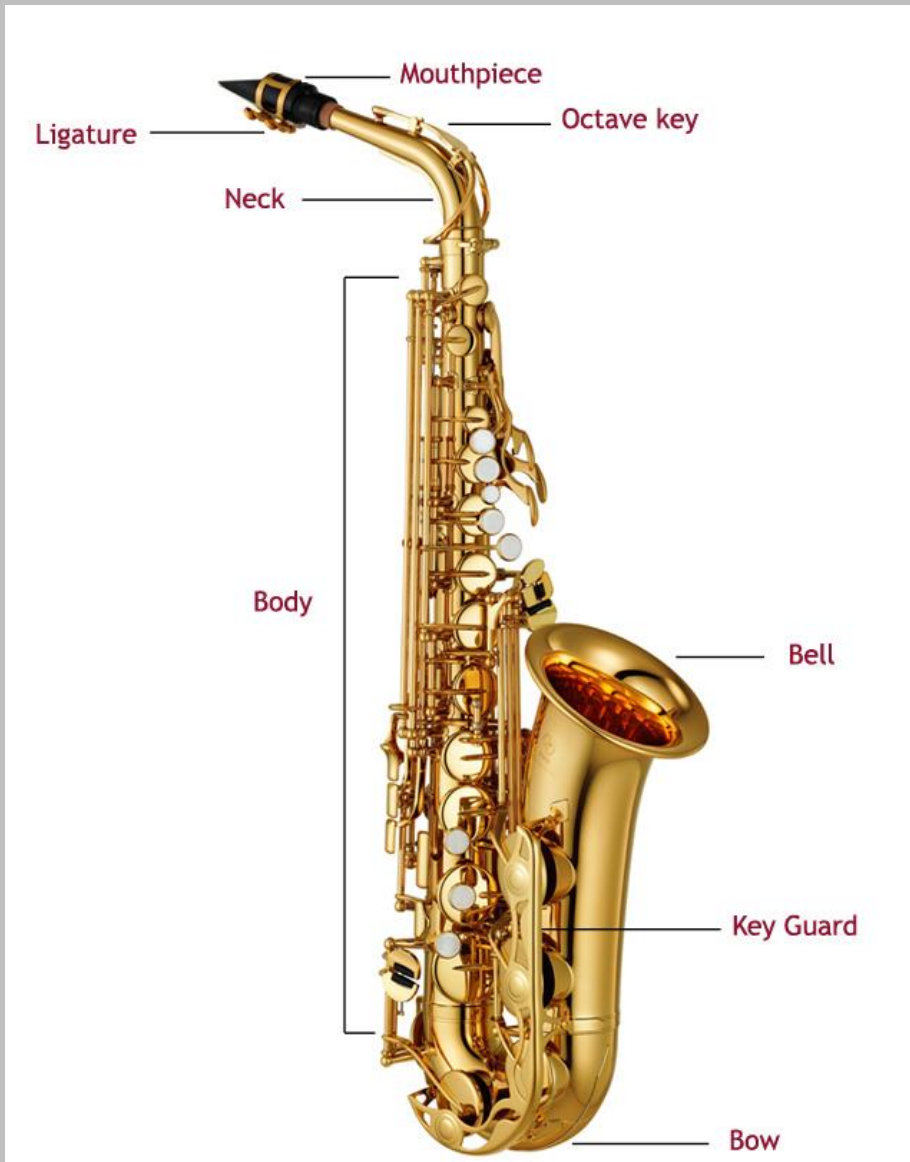
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBVmeOWpFvc>

**Why does a Saxophone need a reed?**

**What do you think is the purpose of the “ligature”?**

**How do you think the “bell” supports the sound when a saxophone is played?**

**Hint to answers: Music lesson 4, Clarinet**



With thanks, this pic comes from:

<https://www.normans.co.uk/blog/2013/05/caring-for-your-alto-saxophone/>

# What is a reed for the mouthpiece of a saxophone?



With thanks, this pic comes from: <http://www.the-clarinets.net/english/clarinet-reed.html/>

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



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**The reed is attached to the mouthpiece with the ligature.**

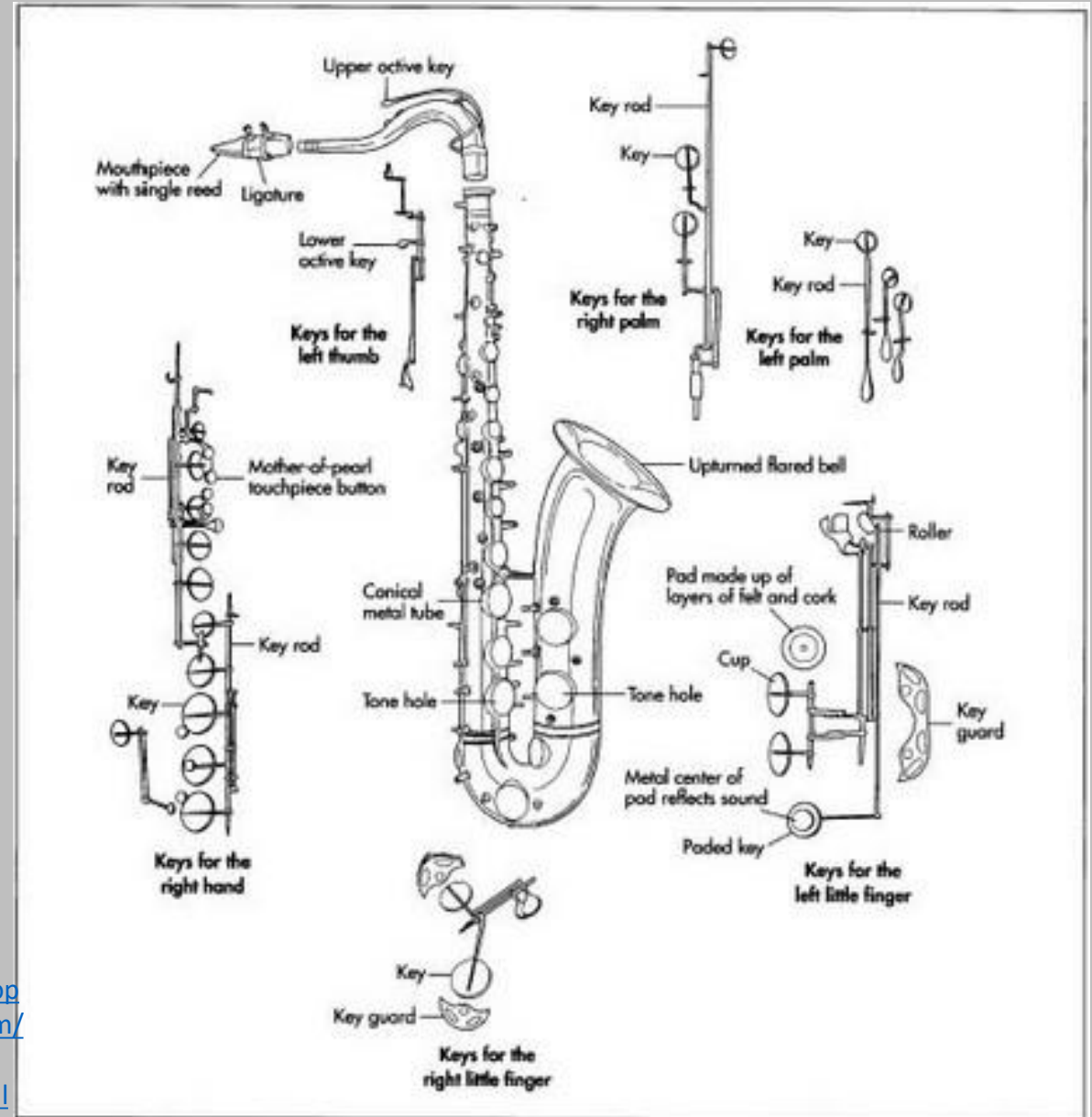
# Here's a diagram of more detailed parts of a Saxophone.



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<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/tenor-saxophone-exploded-view-drawing-isolated-520595017>

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<https://rajivssaxophonia.weebly.com/instrument-construction.html>





# How a Saxophone is Made

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

## How Saxophones Are Made

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH1YzGqt1HI>



# The Saxophone is actually rarely played in an orchestra.

## It does feature prominently in two types of music:

### Band Music



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### Jazz Music



With thanks, these pics comes from: <https://www.revelstokereview.com/news/kelownas-okm-jazz-band-ready-for-bc-interior-jazz-festival/>

# Here is Saxophone played in three musical genre's.

Genre: Classical Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTLKs1giz9I>



Genre: Concert Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLb8Pk9OeNk>



Genre: Jazz Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVI-ZFaY8To>



Genre: What is your guess?

Do you recognize this piece?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4FNjQJpJR4>



# Why is There No Saxophone in the Orchestra?

**It is a rare occasion when an orchestra includes saxophones.**

**If you are interested in the history of why that is, check out this video.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsfPS7pXg1E>



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

## **Take Five (4:37 min)**

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



Note: “Take Five” is one of the most famous Jazz compositions in the history of jazz music.

## **Imagine (3:39 min)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRRrN7JDGF4>



Note: This video was created in March, 2020. “Imagine” is a song about everyone in the world understanding each other and getting along.

# Saxophone

The saxophone has a versatile and varied sound.



A saxophone is rarely included within an orchestra.



2 genres of music where saxophone can be prominent are jazz and concert band.

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

