

The Flute



The flute is a member of the woodwind family. The flute can trace its ancestry back through thousands of years, making it one of the most ancient instruments of the entire woodwind family. Originally, the flute was made out of wood, but an instrument maker called Theobald Boehm started making the flute out of metal. Today most flutes are made from metal. The instrument maker also added keys, which are little lids that open and close over the holes. The flute makes one of the highest sounds in the orchestra.

- 1. How old is the flute?**
- 2. Which instrument family does the flute belong to?**
- 3. What material did the flute used to be made of?**
- 4. What material is the flute made out of today?**
- 5. What do we call the item that opens and closes over the holes of a flute?**