

The Clarinet



The clarinet is one of the best – known instruments in the woodwind family. It has a single reed attached to a mouthpiece. It can play more pitches (high-low) than any other instrument in the woodwind family. Its sound is beautiful and warm, and musicians can perform very fast notes on the clarinet.

Clarinets come in several sizes. Each size plays a different range of pitches. A larger clarinet with lower sounds is called a bass clarinet. The bass clarinet has a curved bell and looks a bit like a saxophone. The clarinet is often heard in wind bands and in jazz bands.

- 1. Which instrument family does the clarinet belong to?**
- 2. What is a big clarinet that plays lower sounds called?**
- 3. The bass clarinet looks like a combination of the clarinet and the**
- 4. Name two types of bands that would contain clarinets?**