

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 than any other instrument in the woodwind family. Its sound is beautiful and sweet, and musicians can perform very fast notes on the clarinet.

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

1. What family of instruments does the clarinet belong to? _____
2. What do we call a bigger clarinet with lower sounds? _____
3. The bass clarinet looks like a combination of the clarinet and the
_____.
4. Name two types of bands that you can hear the clarinet in.
 1. _____
 2. _____

