

# The Oboe

The oboe is a member of the woodwind family. The oboe is a very old instrument. It is also a member of the double reed family. Its mouthpiece uses two thin pieces of bamboo, which are fastened together with silk thread. This special kind of reed is called a "double reed," which makes it a member of the double reed family. The oboe is a very difficult instrument to play, and it is hard for musicians to produce a good sound. It has a nasal sound and generally plays very high notes.

1. Which two families does the oboe belong to?

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2. What is the mouthpiece of the oboe called? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the reed of the mouthpiece made out of? \_\_\_\_\_

