

# Timpani and Bass Drum

The timpani and bass drum are both members of the percussion family. Percussion instruments are the oldest kind of instruments in the world. The timpani or "kettle drums" are big copper bowls with material stretched tightly over the top. Today the skin of the drum is made out of plastic or a special type of cloth. The bass drum is the largest of all the drums in the orchestra. No matter how soft or loud it is played, the bass drum does not change its pitch.

1. What family of instruments does the timpani and bass drum belong to?

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2. What is another name for the tympani? \_\_\_\_\_

3. The bass drum cannot change its \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the skin of a drum made out of?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

