

# Musical instrument classification 1

Instrument **families** of the  
Orchestra

We can

*classify*

musical instruments in different ways.

As we do for **PLANTS**,

or for **Animals**,

We can categorize instruments in  
Orchestral **families**



# 1) **WOODWINDS**

most were originally made from **wood**



all produce sound by **blowing**.



Flute

Oboe

Clarinet

Bassoon

Saxophone

## 2) **BRASS**

most were originally made from **brass**.



also produce sound by **blowing**.



Trumpet



French Horn

Trombone

Tuba

### 3) **PERCUSSION**

these instruments are made from different **materials**

and, to produce sound, involve a physical impact (**percussion**).

Snare drum

Bass drum

Timpani

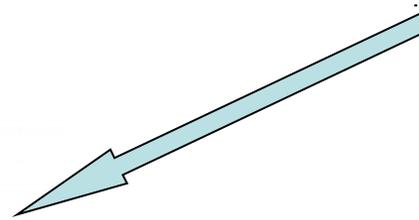
Xilophone

Cymbals

## 4) **STRINGS**

these instruments have **strings**

and, can be played using a **bow**



Violin

Viola

Cello

Double bass