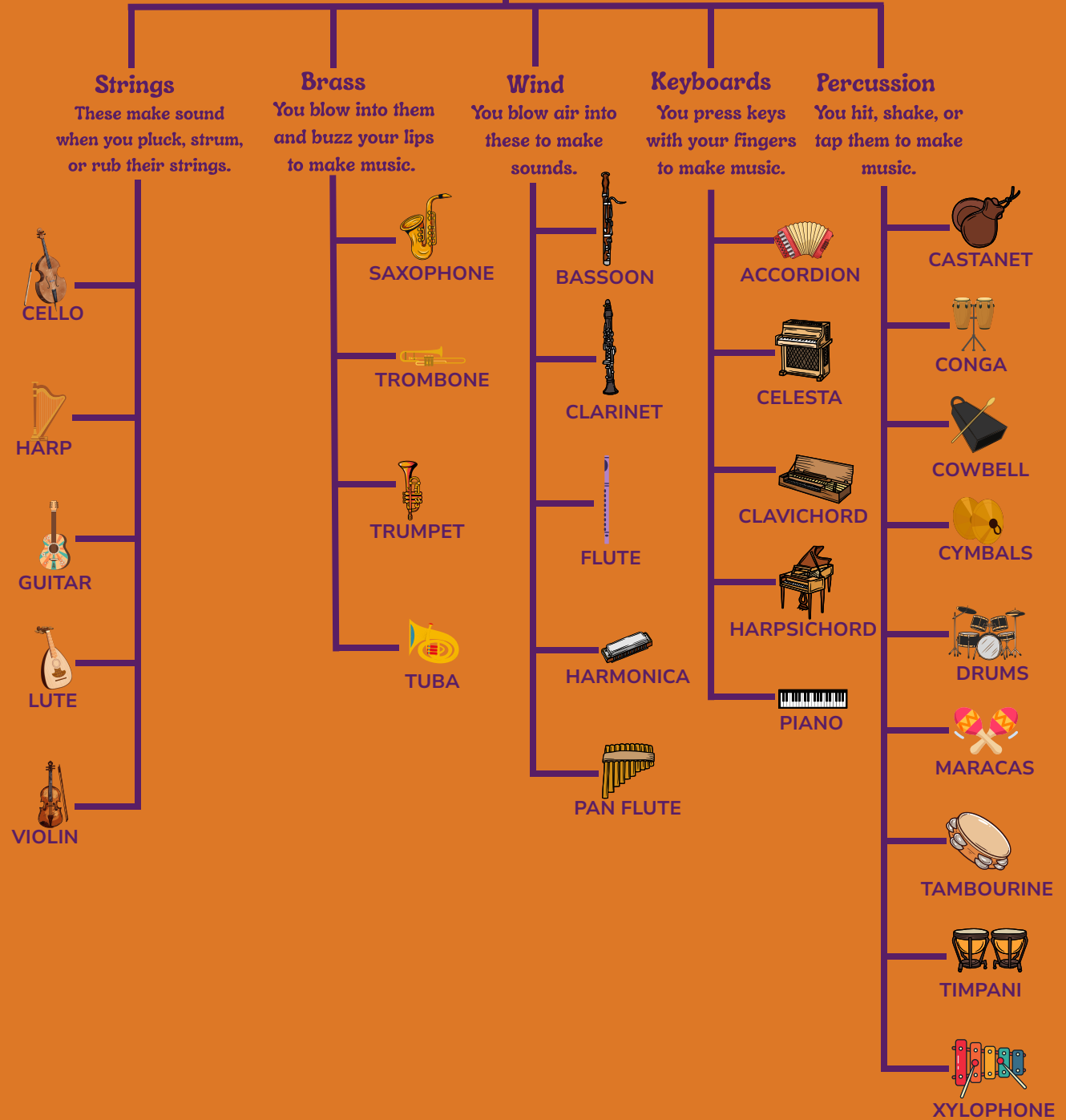




**Tap. Toot.**  
**Shake. Strum!**



# Instrument Family Tree







# Musical Instruments around the World

## Djembe

THE DJEMBE IS A DRUM PLAYED WITH HANDS. IT COMES FROM WEST AFRICA AND IS USED IN TRADITIONAL DANCES AND STORYTELLING.



## Tsekere

THE SHEKERE IS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MADE FROM A DRIED GOURD WITH BEADS WRAPPED AROUND IT. IT COMES FROM WEST AFRICA, ESPECIALLY NIGERIA. PEOPLE SHAKE AND TAP IT TO MAKE MUSIC .



## Bagpipes

BAGPIPES ARE PLAYED BY BLOWING AIR INTO A BAG AND PRESSING IT TO MAKE MUSIC. THEY ARE A FAMOUS INSTRUMENT FROM SCOTLAND.



## Didgeridoo

THE DIDGERIDOO IS A LONG WOODEN TUBE. IT WAS FIRST MADE BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA AND MAKES A DEEP BUZZING SOUND.



## Talking Drum

THE TALKING DRUM IS A DRUM THAT CAN "TALK"! PEOPLE IN WEST AFRICA USE IT TO SEND MESSAGES BY CHANGING THE DRUM'S PITCH. IT'S SHAPED LIKE AN HOURGLASS AND PLAYED WITH A CURVED STICK.



# MATCHING ACTIVITY!

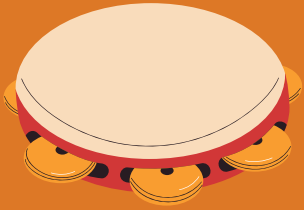
Can you match the instrument to their correct names?



Trumpet



Clarinet



Flute



Piano



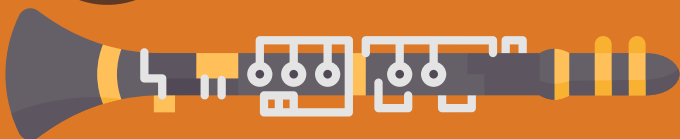
Guitar



Tambourine



Xylophone



Accordion





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### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

**1. WHAT DID PEOPLE USE TO MAKE MUSIC BEFORE MODERN INSTRUMENTS?**

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. WHAT WERE EARLY DRUMS MADE FROM?**

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. NAME TWO MATERIALS USED TO MAKE EARLY FLUTES.**

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. WHAT KIND OF INSTRUMENTS WERE MADE BY ADDING STRINGS TO WOODEN BOXES?**

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. WHY ARE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IMPORTANT TODAY?**

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_



# DECODE THE WORDS!

Fill in the missing letters

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A\_\_C\_\_R\_\_I\_\_N

X\_\_LOPHON\_\_

C\_\_LL\_\_

H\_\_\_\_P

D\_\_UMS

\_\_U\_\_A

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# Sort the instruments by color

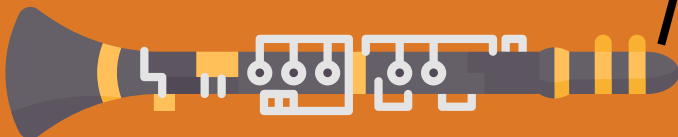


percussion brass keyboard wind





# ANSWER KEY



**Trumpet**

**Clarinet**

**Flute**

**Piano**

**Guitar**

**Tambourine**

**Xylophone**

**Accordion**

# ANSWER KEY

GUITAR



ACCORDION

XYLOPHONE



CELLO

HARP



DRUMS

TUBA



SAXOPHONE

TROMBONE



VIOLIN

PIANO



MARACAS



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