

Percussion Family

The **percussion** section has the largest variety of instruments.

There are pitched percussion instruments that play notes and non-pitched percussion instruments that just make a bang, scrape, shaking sound.

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Write the names of the instruments on the lines next to each picture.



The **snare drum** is a small drum played with a pair of drumsticks. It has wires, or snares tightened across the bottom of the drum that give it a distinct sound.



The **bass drum** is a large drum played with a soft beater. The bass drum is played in the concert band and the orchestra.



The **timpani** are large kettle drums played with soft mallets. There is a pedal on the timpani, and the player can tighten the head of the drum with this pedal. By raising and lowering the pedal, the player can play higher and lower notes.



There are many other instruments in the percussion family. Any instrument that is hit or shaken to make a sound is a percussion instrument. How many percussion instruments can you think of?









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bass drum



timpani



triangle



snare drum



cymbals



xylophone



chimes

A percussion instrument is one that is shaken or hit to make a sound. There are many different percussion instruments.

Some percussion instruments can play melodies. These are called "tuned" percussion. The xylophone is a tuned percussion instrument.

There are many kinds of drums in the percussion family. The snare drum, bass drum, drum set and timpani are all percussion instruments.

You may have played some percussion instruments such as the triangle, woodblock, claves, maracas or tambourine. These are used to give special effects in the concert band or the orchestra.

1. How is sound made on a percussion instrument? _____

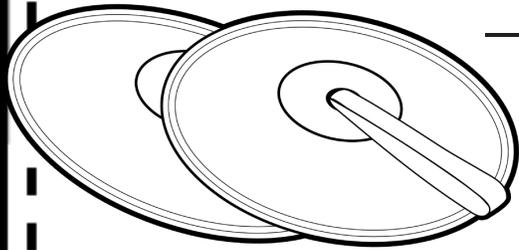
2. How are tuned percussion instruments different from untuned percussion? _____

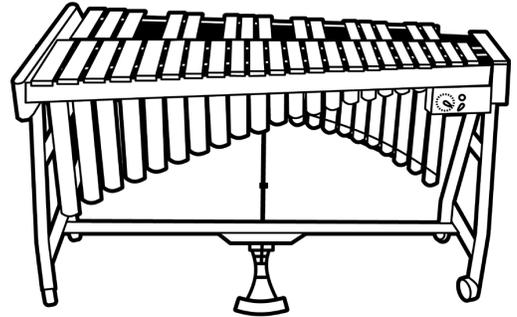
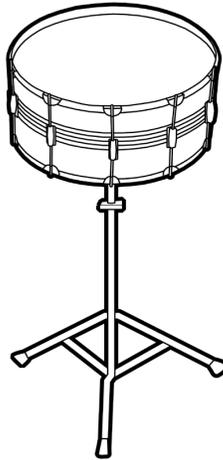
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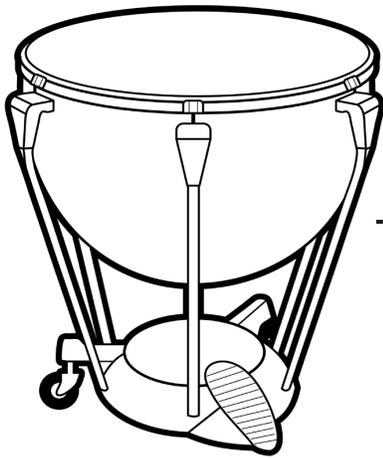


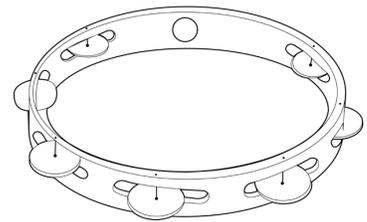
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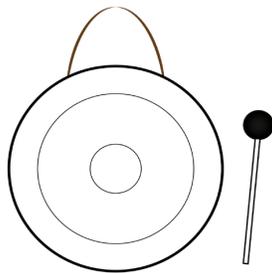
Name each instrument and the instrument family.

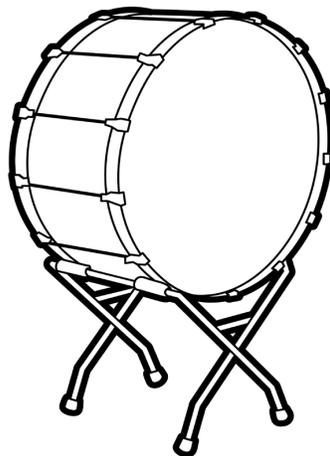


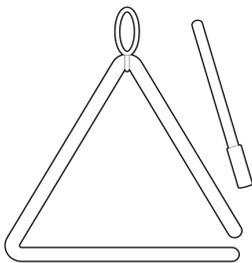
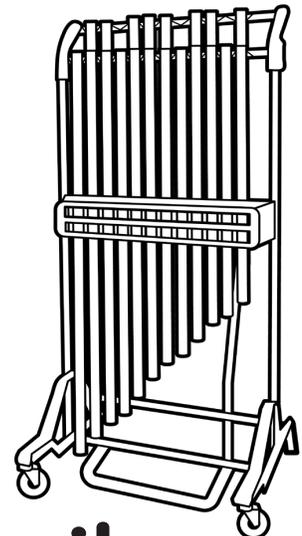












Family

Snare Drum

Triangle

Bass Drum

Chimes

Gong

Timpani

Tambourine

Cymbals

Xylophone