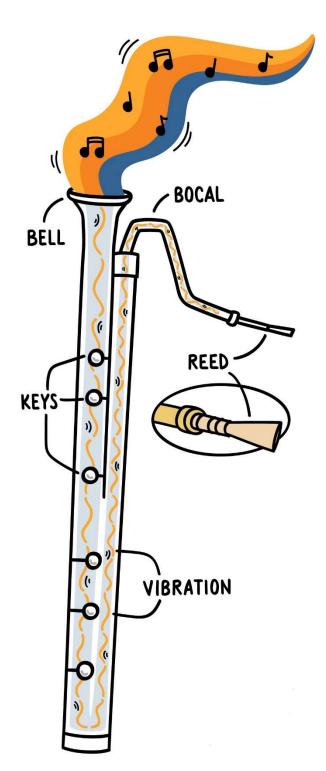
INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORCHESTRA

How Do We Make Sound? WOODWINDS



Instruments in the woodwind family make sound by the player blowing air through a mouthpiece to create vibrations.

Woodwind instruments have different types of mouthpieces. Some, like the bassoon, use a double reed – two tiny piece of cane that are tied together with thread. Others, like the clarinet, use a single reed – a single, thicker piece of cane. And others, like the flute, use no reed at all.

The vibrations travels through the instrument and out the **bell** to create sound. Players change the sound of the instrument by pressing different combinations of keys to make the pitch sound higher or lower.