

Musical Instrument

The trombone is a member of the Brass Family. It can play a wide range of notes and it sounds deeper than a trumpet.

While most brass instruments use valves to play different pitches, the trombone uses a slide.

The name trombone comes from the Italian language and means large trumpet.

A person who plays the trombone is called a trombonist.

The trombone's ancestor was a medieval instrument called the sackbut. Developed in the 15th century, the sackbut looked quite like the trombone of today.

Beethoven was the first composer to add trombones to the standard symphony orchestra. He included them in his *Fifth Symphony*.

Trombones today are used in orchestras, concert bands, marching bands, brass bands, big bands, swing bands, and jazz ensembles.

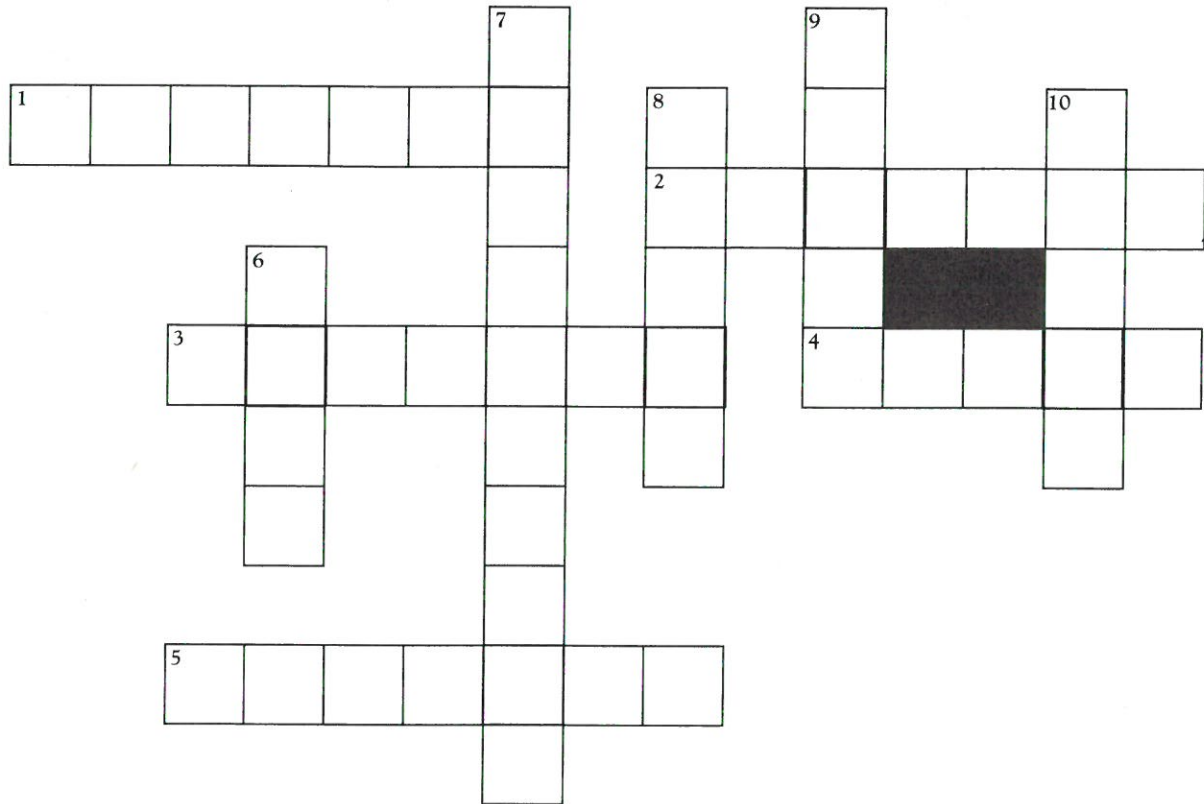
The modern symphony orchestra is made up of two or three tenor trombones and one bass trombone. The alto trombone, which plays the highest sounds, completes the trombone family.

The trombone began to rise in popularity in jazz music when trombonists like J.J. Johnson popularized it as a solo instrument.

That noise you hear when Charlie Brown's teacher speaks to the class is actually a trombone.

A very famous song from the musical *The Music Man* is called "Seventy-Six Trombones."

Trombone

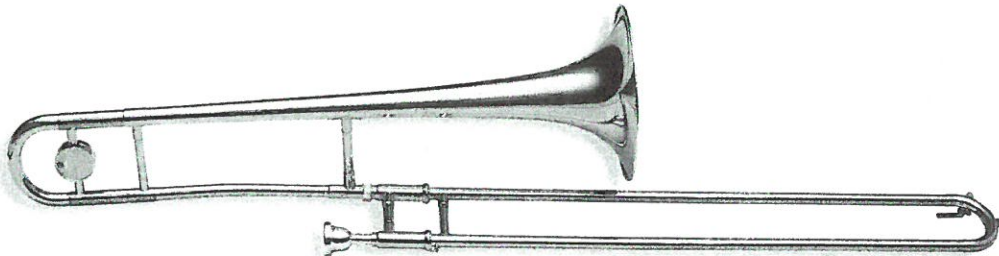


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1. A trombone is used when Charlie Brown's this speaks
2. Trombone means "large trumpet" in this language
3. The trombone's ancestor was a medieval instrument called this
4. Instead of valves, the trombone uses this to change pitch
5. Famous jazz trombonist, J.J. _____

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6. A modern symphony orchestra uses two or three tenor trombones and one _____ trombone
7. A person who plays the trombone is called this
8. Beethoven used the trombone in his _____ *Symphony*
9. The trombone is a member of the _____ Family
10. Trombones today are used in many types of these, including concert, marching, brass, big, and swing



A Trombone