Bassoon

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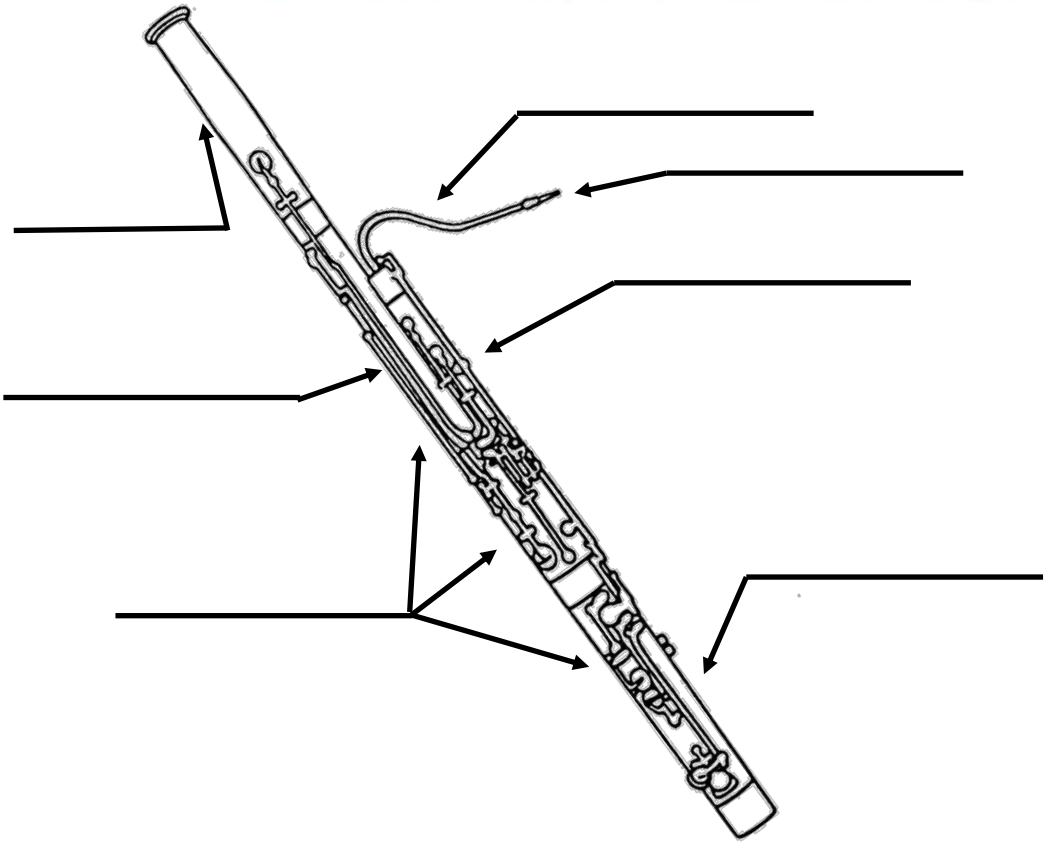
Label the parts of the Bassoon.

Word Bank:

- Double Reed
- Bocal
- Tenor Joint
- Boot Joint
- Long Joint
- Bell
- Keys



1) The Bassoon is a member of the _____ family along with the _____, _____, and _____.
2) Woodwinds are traditionally made out of _____ and use _____ to make sound.
3) What is a bassoon double reed made out of? _____
4) Circle one: The bassoon is the largest woodwind instrument, so it plays the lowest / highest.
5) What story do you think of or imagine when you hear the Bassoon play *Scheherazade*?

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Vocabulary

- Woodwind Family: The Woodwind family consists of the flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, and bassoon. There are two types of woodwind instruments: flutes and reed instruments.
- Reed: a piece of thin cane used in various Woodwind instruments to vibrate and make sound

Further Listening:

Listen to the entirety of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfM7Y9Pcdzw

and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Sheherazade*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQNymNaTr-Y

Hear bassoonist Sergio Azzolini play the

von Weber *Bassoon Concerto in F major, Movement II*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veaNngAel28

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Answer Key

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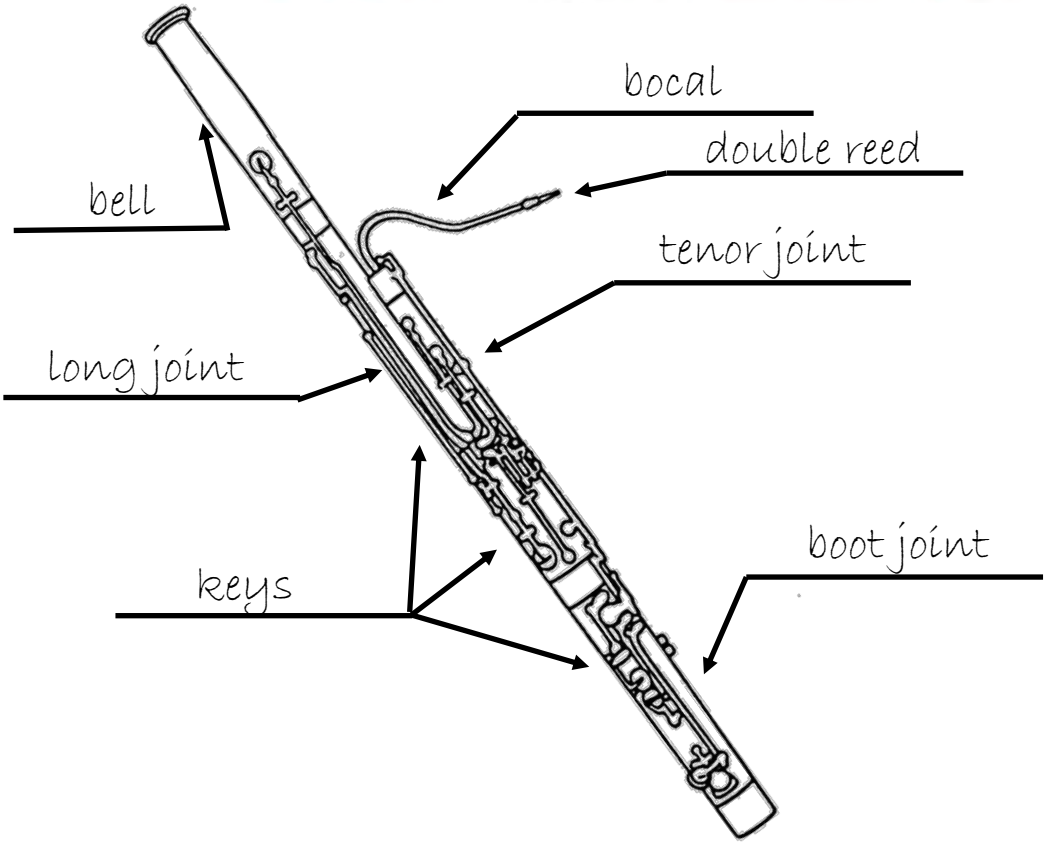

1) The Bassoon is a member of the Woodwind family along with the flutes, oboes, and clarinets.
2) Woodwinds are traditionally made out of wood and use wind to make sound.
3) What is a bassoon double reed made out of? bamboo
4) Circle one: The bassoon is the largest woodwind instrument, so it plays the (lowest) / highest.
5) What story do you think of or imagine when you hear the Bassoon play *Scheherazade*?
Did you feel Happy? Sad? Scared? Excited? What was the character doing?