

Percussion Family

What makes an instrument part of the Percussion Family?

Percussion instruments are instruments that make sound by:

striking (hitting)

scraping

or shaking

Some percussion instruments are pitched (they play notes like a guitar or piano.

Some percussion instruments are non-pitched (they may not have a definite pitch.





Some percussion instruments that are struck:



Bass drum



Cajon



Cymbals



• Djembe



Janggu



• Marimba



Piano (because the internal hammers strike the strings)



Singing bowls



Snare drum



Steel drum



• Tabla



Timpani



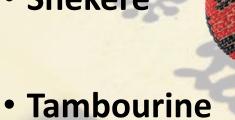
Xylophone

Some percussion instruments that are shaken:



Maracas





Cabasa



Some percussion instruments that are scraped:



Washboard



Assignment:



Watch:

How a steel drum is made
How a cajon is made
How a marimba is made

- *Find something in your house that you (with your parent/guardian's permission) you can make sound with by striking/hitting.
- *Find something in your house that you (with your parent/guardian's permission) you can make sound with by shaking.
- *Find something in your house that you (with your parent/guardian's permission) you can make sound with by scraping
- *What can you do to change the sound of each?
- *How does the size of your instrument effect the sound it makes?

When you're done, <u>click here for your "ticket out the door"</u>. Some optional videos for fun:

- 2-year old djembe player
- Child playing the janggu
- 3-year old playing the drum set