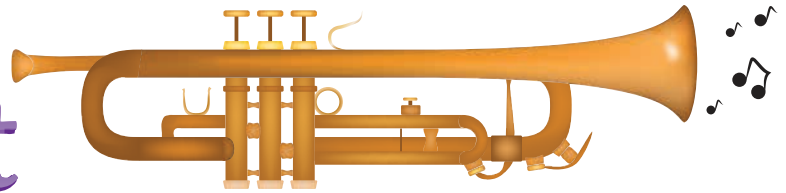


Trumpet



The trumpet may be known best for its use in American jazz, symphonies, and school marching bands, but it has a long history that stretches several continents. It is in the brass instrument family, along with the tuba, trombone, French horn, and many others.

Trumpet sounds are made by the player's closed lips vibrating while he blows air through the brass tubes. The player can change the notes by also pressing on three valves. Not all brass instruments are made of brass, and not all instruments made of brass are considered brass instruments. The saxophone, for example, is made of brass but is considered a woodwind instrument.



The trumpet is one of the oldest musical instruments known. It's over 3,500 years old! Historians don't know where it was invented or who invented it. In medieval times, armies used trumpets to relay messages over large areas. It is sometimes confused with the bugle, which is a brass instrument that is famously used by the United States military. The cornet is another instrument often confused with the trumpet.

In the early- and mid-1900s, the trumpet became extremely popular in the United States as jazz music was developed. Two of the most famous and influential trumpeters are Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong. People still listen to their music, and musicians still imitate their styles.



1. **New terms:** See how these three terms are used in the text, and write a definition next to each one.

relay

historians

influential

2. The text mentions an instrument that is made of brass but isn't in the brass family.

What is it? _____

3. The bugle and the cornet are types of trumpets.

True or False?

4. Name two brass instruments besides the trumpet.
