

English Horn, Woodwind Instrument

The three branches of the **woodwind family** have different sources of sound. Vibrations begin when air is blown across the top of an instrument, across a single reed, or across two reeds. Reeds are small pieces of cane. The **English horn** is a double-reed instrument in the woodwind family and is made of a very hard wood. Two reeds tied together are commonly known as a double reed. This double reed fits into a tube at the top of the instrument and vibrates when air is forced between the two reeds.

The **English horn** (above) is a big brother to the oboe (below). It is larger than the oboe and has a much lower sound.

