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Hello and welcome to Busy Kids Love Music, the podcast that helps you discover the music of composers, cultures, and traditions from all around the world. I'm Carly Seifert, the creator of Busy Kids Do Piano, and I'm so glad you're joining me today!

I've got a very special episode lined up — it's part music lesson, part listening game, and part mystery challenge. I call it "What Was That Sound?"

Here's how it works: Today you're going to be a musical detective. I'm going to play a short clip from a piece of music that features a specific instrument. Your job? Guess which instrument you're hearing! After a few seconds, I'll reveal the answer and share some fun facts about that instrument. If you'd like there is a worksheet in the show notes designed to go along with our podcast episode that you can use while you listen to the episode to make your best guesses about which instrument is playing in each clip. This is a great way to sharpen your listening skills and learn about different instruments.

Are you ready?

Let's jump in!

Here is MYSTERY SOUND #1— Okay, what instrument do you think that was? It zipped and zoomed like a busy little insect. Any guesses?

It was... the violin! The violin is the smallest and highest-pitched instrument in the string family. In this piece, the violin plays super fast notes to mimic the sound of a buzzing bumblebee. It takes serious skill to play that quickly and cleanly!

And now onto MYSTERY SOUND #2... That instrument sounded slow and low, just like an elephant walking through the jungle. What's your guess?

If you said **double bass**, you're right! The double bass is the biggest string instrument in the orchestra — it's taller than most musicians

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who play it! It creates the lowest sounds in the string family and is often used to play strong bass lines in both classical and jazz music.

And now for MYSTERY SOUND #3... That one sounded kind of silly or sneaky, like a mischievous wizard's assistant. What do you think it was?

That was the bassoon! The bassoon is a woodwind instrument with a really wide range. It can sound playful, serious, or spooky — which is why it's used in lots of movie music, too! Its long, curvy body and double reed help give it that unique, buzzing tone.

Let's give a listen to our final mystery sound, MYSTERY SOUND #4: That repeating rhythm sounded like marching feet or maybe a ticking clock. What instrument did you hear?

That was the snare drum! The snare drum is part of the percussion family. It has metal wires stretched across the bottom called "snare," which give it that crisp, rattly sound. In Boléro, the snare keeps the beat going through the entire piece!

Thanks for playing along in today's musical mystery! I hope you had fun guessing the sounds and learning more about these amazing instruments, and watch out in the future for other Musical Mystery episodes to improve your listening skills and have a little fun along the way!

If you enjoyed the music from today's podcast, I created a playlist with full length versions of all of the music at [buskidsdopiano.com/podcast/159](https://www.buskidsdopiano.com/podcast/159). Maybe you can also use the worksheet in the show notes to keep the guessing game going and quiz your family and friends at home!

Until next time, keep listening — and loving — music. I look forward to connecting with you again in 2 weeks. Bye for now!