

## Performing Arts

### Genre

A **How-To Article** tells how to do or make something.

### Text Feature

**Directions** are the steps to follow to make something.

### Content Words

instruments  
rattles  
music



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# Shake a Rattle!

What **instruments** do you see here?

Shaking **rattles** is a fun way to make **music**.





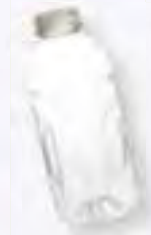
Rattles can be big or little. They can be made of many things. Some have sand in them. Some have beans.



Do you want to make a rattle?  
Here's how!

## How to Make a Rattle

### What You Need



plastic bottle



dried beans



stickers

### What to Do

- 1 Put beans into the bottle.
- 2 Put fun stickers on.
- 3 Shake it and have fun!



Can you play the rattle loud?  
Can you play it soft? Can you  
make up a song?



### **Connect and Compare**

How is a rattle like the instruments the kids made in *The Fun Kids' Band*?

# Write About an Animal Band

## Writing

### Proper Nouns

**Nouns** for special names begin with a capital letter.

Leila wrote about a bear in a band.



Billy Bear plays the drum.

The drum goes boom!

## Your Turn

Name an animal.

Tell what instrument  
the animal plays.

Tell what sound it makes.



### Writer's Checklist

- Do special **nouns** begin with a capital letter?
- Does my exclamation end with an exclamation mark?
- Did I use a sound word?