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Summary (Outline form):

* Considerations when choosing an oboe
	+ - * Your level of accomplishment, environment, mechanism, age of instrument, price and value
		- Level of instrument
			* Beginner- temporary, very basic, sometimes stripped down, cheap, can buy used, wood or plastic
			* Intermediate- for serious students and developing players, should have all essential key work, more expensive, plastic or wood, last until auditioning for conservatory level
			* Pro- wood, have all keys, silver keys, good sound
		- Key work system – conservatory
			* Has left f, low b flat, split e and third octaves
			* Simplified conservatory- for beginners, have basics, missing low b flat and f
			* Modified full conservatory- have all basics except maybe one but do not have fine detail keys
			* Full conservatory system- full key system
		- Wood vs. plastic
			* Weigh pros and cons and then do listening test
			* Some wooden oboes have a plastic liner still
			* Grenadilla is the wood choice, it sounds better but, requires more care and upkeep
			* Plastic is more durable and requires less maintenance but does not have as nice of a sound
			* Where will you be playing it?
		- Old or new instrument?
			* Check prices, condition of instrument, materials, warranties, retail value
		- Need a case
		- Get advice from your teacher
		- Find out return policies