

Based on pages 20 and 21 of Changing sounds

A simple wind instrument

Diagram 1 Try this... **1.** Set up a bottle of water and a straw as shown in Diagram 1. Diagram 2 **2.** Blow across the top of the straw. **3.** Set up the bottle of water and straw as shown in Diagram 2. **4.** Blow across the top of the straw again. **5.** How did the pitch of the note change? **6.** How did the amount of air in the straw change? Explain your answer. **7.** Take five straws and cut them to different lengths. **8.** Arrange the straws in order of length and draw the arrangement in this space. **9.** Label the straw you think will make the lowest-pitched note and the straw you think will make the highest-pitched note. Explain why you have labelled the straws in this way. **(S) ◎** _____ **10.** Blow over each straw in turn, then compare your results with the prediction made in task 9.