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## Some Factors That Enhance Blending

- (1) **Same Family** The instruments are in the same family, and especially in the same subgroup (i.e. double reeds).
- (2) **Adjacent Voices** The instruments play adjacent voices in the texture.
- (3) **Similar Parts** The instruments play parts that are similar or that are treated similarly.
- (4) **Balanced** The instruments are evenly balanced.
- (5) **Consonant Intervals** The interval between the instruments is relatively consonant.
- (6) **Timbre** The timbre of an instrument is not such that it attracts attention away from another instrument.