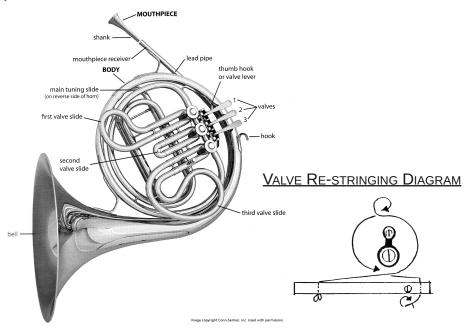
## TIPS



## ASSEMBLING THE INSTRUMENT

► Gently insert the mouthpiece shank into the receiver. Avoid hitting the mouthpiece or else it may become stuck.



## CARE & MAINTENANCE

► Avoid eating or drinking (anything other than water) immediately before or while playing the instrument, or brush your teeth first.

- ▶ Oil the valves as needed to keep them moving smoothly.
- Apply tuning slide grease as needed to the tuning slides to ensure they move easily.
- Remove moisture from inside the instrument before putting it back in the case.
- ▶ If your mouthpiece becomes stuck, DO NOT attempt to remove it using your own tools. It will need to be removed by Ellis Music (or your music teacher if they have a mouthpiece puller).
- Clean the mouthpiece regularly in warm water using a mouthpiece brush and liquid soap.
- ▶ Store the instrument in its case when not in use.

Send the instrument to the Ellis Music repair shop at least once a year for routine maintenance.



## HELPFUL ITEMS TO HAVE

- Rotor oil
- Tuning slide grease
- Brass mouthpiece brush
- French horn cleaning brush ("snake")
- Polishing cloth

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