

# TRUMPET TIPS

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## ASSEMBLING THE INSTRUMENT

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

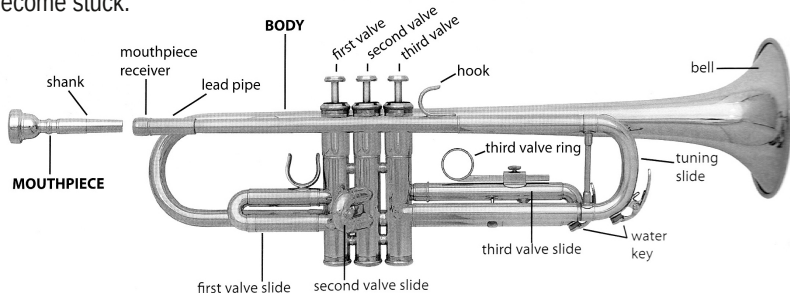


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## CARE & MAINTENANCE

- ▶ 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. Do not mix up the valves or the instrument may not work.
- ▶ Apply tuning slide grease as needed to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and main tuning slides to ensure they move easily. (Try moving these slides occasionally to make sure they have not become stuck.)
- ▶ When setting down the instrument, make sure the second valve slide points up to help prevent it from getting bent or dented.
- ▶ After playing, open the water key and blow through the instrument to remove any moisture before putting it back in the case.
- ▶ Be careful to avoid hitting the instrument against anything. Even small dents in the valve casings can cause your valves to stick.
- ▶ 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.

## ABOUT THE MOUTHPIECE

▶ A standard mouthpiece is included with a rental instrument, but you may wish to purchase a different mouthpiece someday depending on your needs. The shape and depth of the mouthpiece cup can affect comfortable playing range and tone quality.

## HELPFUL ITEMS TO HAVE

- Valve oil
- Tuning slide grease
- Brass mouthpiece brush
- Trumpet cleaning rod & brush ("snake")
- Polishing cloth
- Trumpet stand



**Questions?**

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