



How to Care for the Trombone

Age Range:	Late Elementary, Middle School
About:	Students will demonstrate proper care and technique when assembling their instrument and putting it away.
Total Video Time:	1:20

INTRODUCTION

Trombone player Felix Regalado will walk you through the basics of putting together your trombone and taking care of it.

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STEP-BY-STEP instructions

- Grab the bell section with your left hand.
- Then pick up the slide section with your right hand.
- Connect the two parts by fitting the slide section into the bell section and screwing it in.
- Take out your mouthpiece and fit it into the slide section with a quarter turn.
- Make sure your slide is moving smoothly. Apply a bit of slide lubricant and water spray to the main slide as needed. *Do not use tuning slide grease here!*
- To grease the tuning slide, remove it, wipe it clean, and apply a small amount of slide grease to the ends of each side. Reinsert it and slide it back and forth.
- After practicing, empty water through the spit valve and slide as needed. Remove the mouthpiece and wipe as needed.
- Disassemble the trombone in reverse order, fitting each piece securely into the case.
- Make sure to secure your case with its zipper or latches before you pick it up.

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