



How to Care for the Trumpet

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:	1:51

INTRODUCTION

Trumpet player Marissa Benedict will walk you through the basics of putting together your trumpet and taking care of it.

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STEP-BY-STEP instructions

- Make sure the trumpet case is on a solid surface.
- Take the trumpet out of the case and hold it with your left hand.
- Place the mouthpiece in the front of the trumpet and give it a little twist to secure.
- Make sure your valves and tuning slides are moving smoothly. Grease or oil as needed.
- To oil a rotary valve, apply a small drop of valve oil to each moving part of the valve.
- To grease a 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 valves and slides as needed.
- Remove the mouthpiece and wipe as needed. Return the mouthpiece and trumpet to the case, and make sure to secure the case so the instrument doesn't fall out.

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