



Playing the Trombone

Age Range:	Late Elementary, Middle School
About:	Students will be introduced to the trombone
Total Video Time:	1:10 (lesson only); 3:39 (with extension)

INTRODUCTION

Meet trombone player Felix Regalado. He will tell you about his instrument and why he chose to play it.

[Click here](#) to play the video. (Video approx. 1 minute)

FUN FACTS

- The trombone is the only modern brass instrument without *valves*, or buttons that help players find pitches. Instead of using valves, trombone players use their *slide*.
- The slide makes it possible for a trombone player to play a "[sad trombone](#)" sound or a *glissando*, a sound that is made when sliding from one pitch to another.
- In the French language, the word "trombone" also means "paper clip." Take a look at a paper clip and see if you can see a resemblance.

LISTEN and WATCH

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