

Virtual Band Camp

Video 2 Skill Sheet - Clarinet Assembly Exercises

1. Clarinet Mix-Up

- Open your case, and take out your mouthpiece, barrel, reed, and ligature.
- Place the clarinet parts in front of you, and see how quickly you can say each part's name.
- Then, mix the parts up, and try saying their names again.

2. Let's Get Greasy

- Take out your cork grease, open it, and get a little on your finger.
- Rub the cork grease gently around the cork on the mouthpiece, until it feels a little slick.
- NOTE - Don't use a ton of cork grease, because too much grease can make your corks fall off!

3. Let's Get Twisty

- One of the toughest things about the clarinet is being able to get all the parts twisted together.
- Spend a few minutes each day just pushing and twisting your barrel and mouthpiece together.
- Don't worry if this is hard at first; just keep doing it each day. Your hands will get stronger!
- You can do this exercise while you're doing other stuff (watching TV, listening to music).

4. Put it Together/Take it Apart

- Push and twist together your barrel and mouthpiece.
- Find the flat side of the reed and put it against the flat side of the mouthpiece.
- Gently drop your ligature over the mouthpiece and reed. Push it all the way down, and tighten the screws until it's all secure.
- Now, take it apart, and put it back together again!

Practice Chart

Each time you do one of the exercises above, check it off below. The more checks you get, the better you'll become at playing clarinet.



Exercise	Checks
Clarinet Mix-Up	
Let's Get Greasy	
Let's Get Twisty	
Put it Together/Take it Apart	