

12 & 13 Tonguing

Face Your Fears

If you have a weakness in your teaching, keep working on it, ask for help
Make yourself face your fears so you can get better.

Opening the Can of Worms - Tonguing

Can mess up all your work if you're not careful

They can start bunching chins, quit anchoring, drop their tongue, lose their
pitch, start 'chewing'

Start on mouthpiece and barrel. Then move to mouthpiece one week later.

Then have them tongue open G a few days after that.

Day 1

1. Compare to talking
2. Top tip of the tongue to the tip of the reed
3. One taste bud (Say this a lot)
4. Say "Look at your mirror - nothing moves" a lot
5. Give them a sound signal to tongue
6. Keep the signal OUT of rhythm so they can't stop the air

Day 2-5

Day 2 - Speed of tongue - snake tongue

Day 3 - Lightness of tongue - tinkerbelle

Day 4 - Take tongue off reed, don't put it on (release, not attack) - hot stove

Day 5 - Hear them down the row - address pitch, think eee

Other things to say

Look like a photo not a video (look at mirror)

Look like a statue (look at mirror)

Chin doesn't move (look at mirror)

Top tip of the tongue to the tip of the reed

Fast air, think eee, head up - other normal reminders