

17 Adding Bb, A, G

Adding Bottom Joint

Have all students add the bottom joint for about 5-10 minutes daily
Be sure they have the 2nd ring down and watch bridge key
Have them move right hand up to barrel often to be sure they are still
anchoring - 2 finger wiggle check
Head up - blow cold fast air straight across the reed

Adding Bb & A

Teach it by rote for now
Check right hand position - thumb - walk around behind
Don't let them hook right index finger under side keys - pinkies touch

Adding G

Have them look at the holes - compare hole 1 to hole 6
PAD of the finger
"Feel the bottom of the hole"
"Push your 6th finger down toward your pinkie"
Be sure pinkies are on the keys
They are going to squeak. A lot. Don't get frustrated or they will too.

Right Hand Finger Drills

C, Bb, A in half notes
C, Bb, A in quarter notes, then hold G for 4 beats
C,Bb,C,B in quarters. Bb,A,Bb,A in quarters. A,G,A,G in quarters.
All slurred at this time

Left Hand Finger Drills

G,F,E,D,C,D,E,F,G - in eighths - hold last note
G,F,G,E,G,D,G,C,G - in quarters, then eighths
Start tonguing waterfall and other easier rote drills.
Do some ear training - tell them 1st note and they figure out pattern