

# 3 Putting on the Reed

## Opening the case

Place cases on the floor  
Be sure latches open up

## Putting together mouthpiece and barrel

Have them use cork grease  
Remind them not to drop the mouthpiece  
Be prepared to help students with brand new corks

## Putting on the ligature

Be sure the bigger opening on the ligature goes on the bottom  
Be sure the screws are on the right.  
Point out the guide lines on the mouthpiece

## Putting on the reed

Have them slide the reed down from the top  
Flat side of the reed to the flat part of the mouthpiece  
Tip of the reed, tip of the mouthpiece  
Be sure the ligature is between the guides  
Don't over tighten ligature

## 4 things to check for reed placement:

1. Line of black/ line of reed
2. Center the base of the reed as well
3. Ligature screws are on the right
4. Ligature is within the guides on the mouthpiece

## Reminders

Be sure you have at least 5 minutes left at the end of class to pack up.  
It won't be perfect the first day. Keep talking them through it for 2 weeks, getting quicker and more picky every day.