

4 The First Sound

Review

Go through steps using thumb

Put on reed as a class

4 steps - Open, Click, Milkshake, Blow (Thumb first)

Ready for the first sound

Students hold mirror in left hand at eye level

Mouthpiece & barrel in right

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Words to say between tries

“Look in your mirror.”

“Look in your mirror - Look for muscles.”

“Be sure you’re clicking on your top teeth.”

“Grip the sides of the mouthpiece the corners of your mouth.”

“Sit up tall. Take a big relaxed breath”

“Think about your milkshake face.”

“Look in your mirror - watch your chin.”

Individual help

You hold it for them & anchor/adjust angle

If no sound - Blow more, blow more, blow more

If still no sound - Don’t bite (finger between teeth)

If squeaks - It’s ok! Try less mouthpiece

If any real sound - even flat - good for today

Walk around and check for anchor, angle - things you can see

Hear individuals for 1)no sound or 2) only squeaks

Reminders

Many more important ideas will be covered in episodes 5/6 “Up to Pitch.” It is highly recommended you listen to those as well before the day you start playing.