

Virtual Band Camp

Video 3 Skill Sheet - Clarinet Embouchure Exercises

1. Embouchure Check

- Recite our Clarinet Section Motto - "Chap Stick lip, Teeth on Top, Corners Tight, Close."
- Now, follow our motto's instructions with your mouthpiece, 5 times in a row!

2. Darth Vader

- Position your mouthpiece in your mouth correctly.
- Take a breath in through the corners of your mouth.
- Now, blow out softly, thinking "HAAAAH." (like Darth Vader!)
- Continue breathing in and out this way. Feel your tongue relaxing up high in your mouth.

3. The Magic F#!

- Set up your good clarinet embouchure, and try playing a Magic F# on your mouthpiece.
- See if you can play 3 loud, clear, long F#s in a row. Then, try 5 in a row. Then, try 10!
- If you have trouble, notice what's happening with your mouth. If nothing is coming out, open your mouth a bit. If it's squeaky, check to make sure your bottom lip is in Chap Stick position.

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
Embouchure Check	
Darth Vader	
Magic F#	