



First Brass Lesson

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What instruments are in the Brass Family?

Brass instruments are essentially very long pipes that widen at their ends into a bell-like shape.

The pipes have been curved and twisted into different shapes to make them easier to hold and play.

Trumpet



Trombone



French Horn



Tuba



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Posture of your body

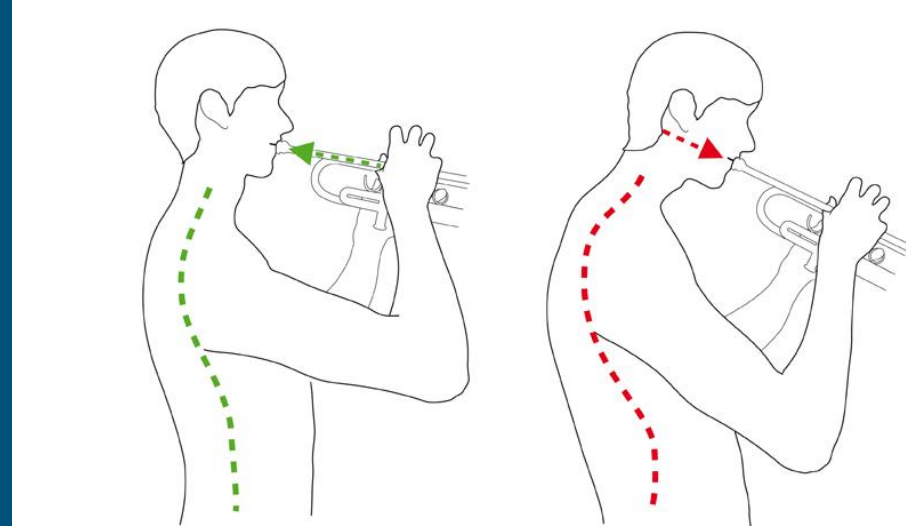
Proper posture on brass instruments requires:

- a well-balanced,
- open torso
- and relaxed arms
- that allow for free breathing and movement.



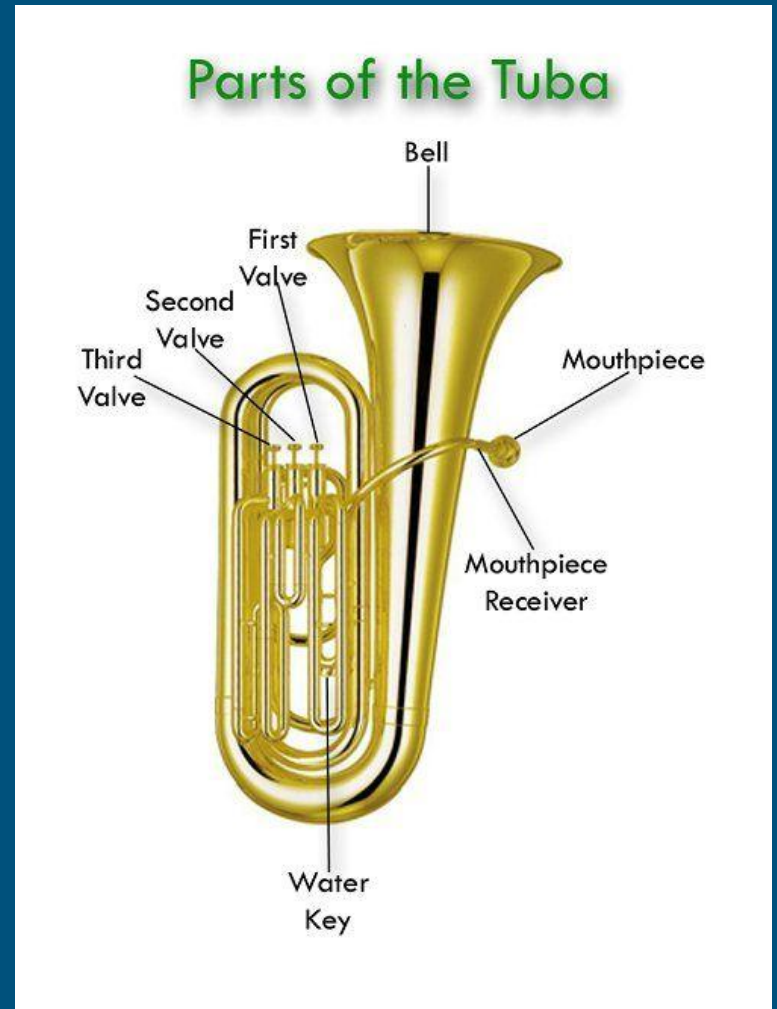
Breathing

- Breath in through the mouth.
- Deep breathing.
- Allows for the full expansion of the rib cage.
- Dropping of the lower abdomen.



Parts of the instrument

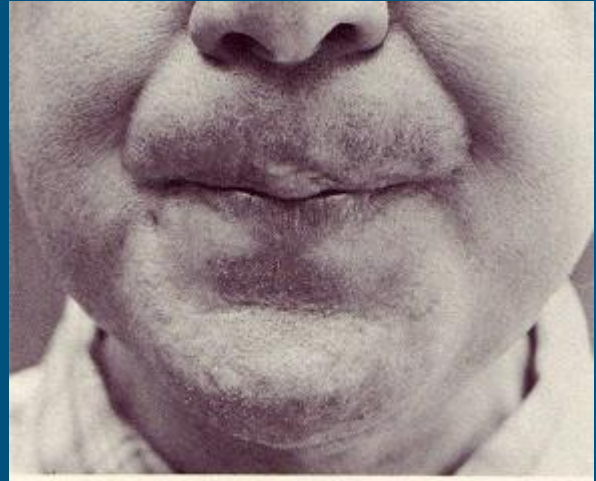
- Mouthpiece
- Valves
- Piston/Slide
- Bell
- Water key



Buzzing/Embouchure

The sound is produced by the player buzzing their lips into a mouthpiece.

Pitches are changed in part through altering the amount of muscular contraction in the lip formation.



First Positions

First Notes

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