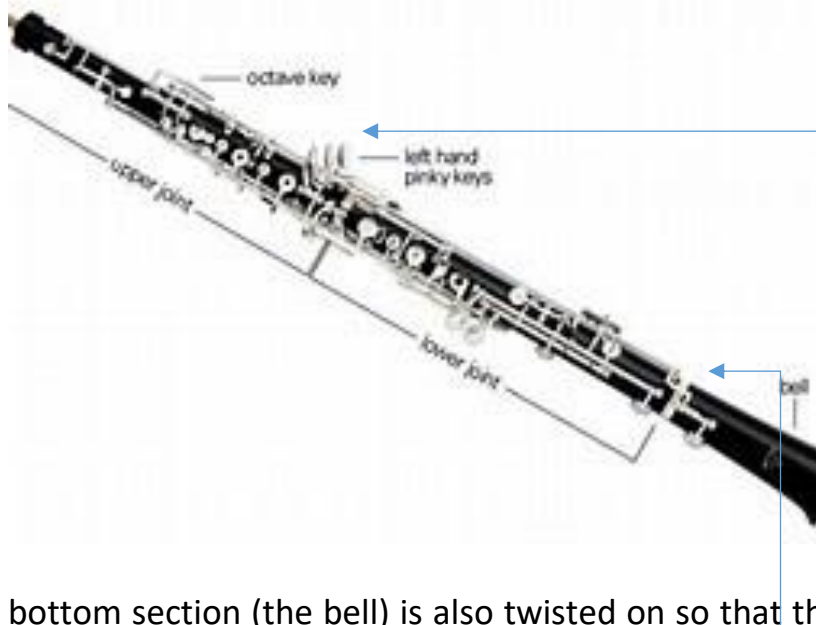


## Assemble, clean and put away my instrument safely

The oboe comes in 3 parts; the Upper joint, Lower Joint, and Bell

Take the Upper & Lower Joints, and keeping the keys facing upwards, gently



push the two sections together by using a slow twisting and pushing motion until they come together. It's best to hold the instrument at the edge so you don't press too hard on the keys. Be very careful

that the keys on the side don't crunch together.

All the keys should make a straight line. The

bottom section (the bell) is also twisted on so that the metal link joins up with the metal on the middle section.

### Know how to clean my instrument

It's best to clean your instrument after each practice session, to avoid getting water clogging up the keys and sticky pads. A pull through cleaner is ideal, but if you don't have one, a recorder cleaner will do.

### Putting the instrument away

Start with the top joint. *Remember, it's best to hold the instrument at the edge so you don't press too hard on the keys.* With your right hand placed at the top of the instrument, gently twist and pull the Upper joint apart from the Lower Joint & Bell. Then do the same with the Lower joint & the Bell. When putting the instrument back in the box, make sure that each part is put away in the correct section and carefully close the lid of the case. Make sure that the latches of the box are fully secure before lifting the case.

