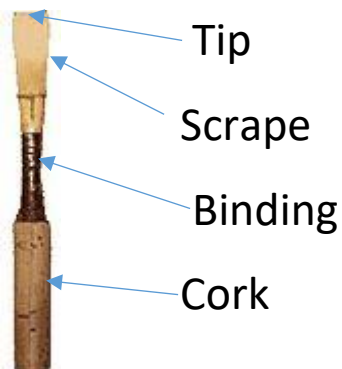

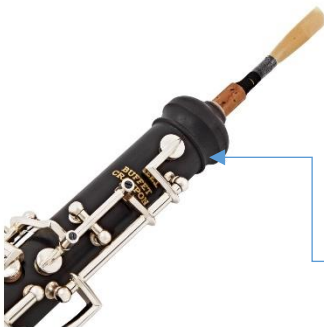


## Put on my reed; Blow a steady note, with a good mouth position



The oboe reed needs to be put in water for about 20 seconds to get it working. The water only needs to cover the cane. **Don't put the whole reed in water.**

Taking the reed, shake any excess water off it. Then tuck lips over your teeth, and place the reed evenly on the cushion that you have created with your mouth.  Make sure that your lips don't go over the wire. Then blow. It Try to keep your lips still and create a long sound.



Then holding only the cork at the bottom of the reed, gently push it into the hole at the top of the instrument. This can be quite stiff. Try and push it in as far as it goes. Never hold the top of the reed, and **careful not to touch the tip as it will easily break.** Try and line up the reed so that the flat section lines up with the top key on the oboe.

Now try to create a good sound on the note B –left hand thumb on back and left hand first finger on top key on front. Keep blowing a steady stream of air

