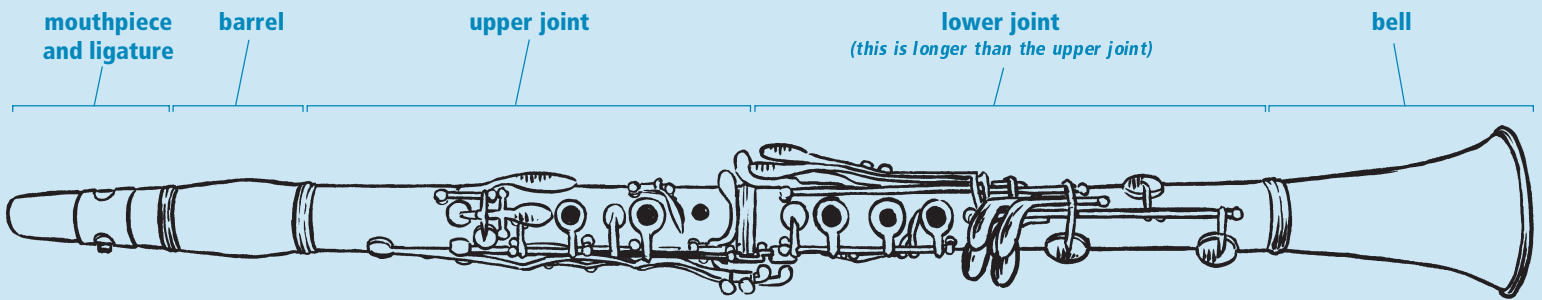


The clarinet is made up of five sections:



You will need a few other things too. Most of them will come with your clarinet. They are:

a **reed**: to make the instrument sound

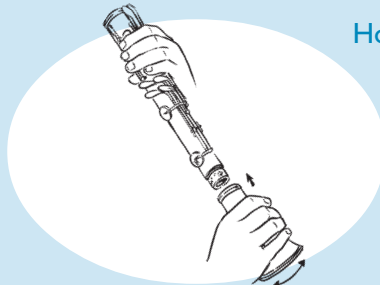
some **spare reeds** and a **reed case**

a **mouthpiece cap** - to protect the mouthpiece when you are not playing

some **cork grease**, so the sections can be joined together smoothly

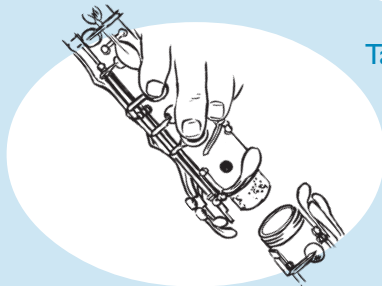
a **cleaning cloth** and a **pull-through** - to clean the clarinet when you have finished playing

Putting your clarinet together



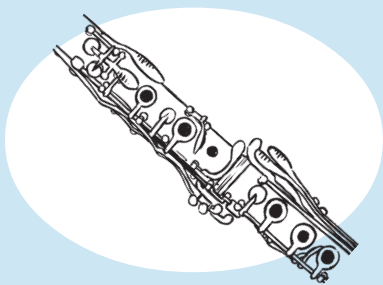
Hold the bell in one hand and the lower joint in the other.

Gently push and twist the bell onto the end of the lower joint which is covered in cork.



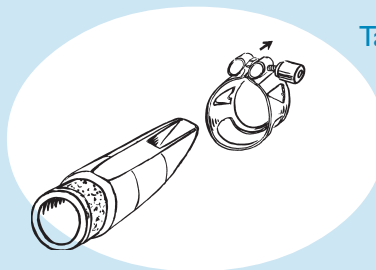
Take the upper joint and press down on the ring keys. The link mechanism will lift.

Hold the ring keys down while you attach the upper joint to the lower joint.

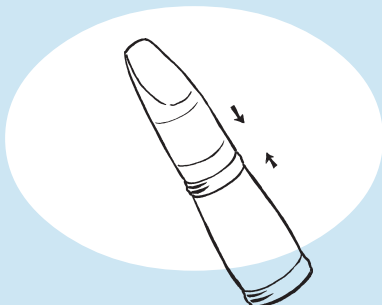


Line up the ring keys and link mechanisms on both joints.

Put these three parts of the clarinet down somewhere safe for now.



Take the mouthpiece and, if the cap is on, take it off. There is a metal band around the mouthpiece - this is called the ligature. Loosen the screw or screws on the ligature and slide it off.



Hold the mouthpiece in one hand and the barrel in the other. Gently push and twist the mouthpiece onto the smaller end of the barrel.