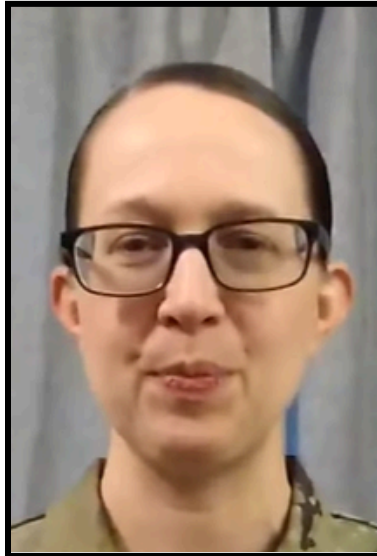


Embouchure Formation

In order to form a basic saxophone embouchure, follow the steps outlined below. In case you are not able to complete these steps, **take a look at the troubleshooting section** at the end of this survival guide.

Step 1.

Say the word *dim* and keep your lips closed but your teeth apart.



Step 2.

Open your mouth slightly and **cover** the edge of your lower teeth with your lower lip and **flatten** your chin.



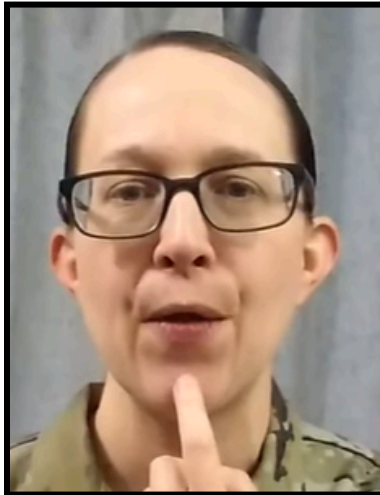
Step 3.

Pull the corners of your lips inwards and **think** of the top lip coming down slightly.



Step 4.

Maintain your embouchure for 10 seconds and then reform it.



Do not worry if you are not able to mimic the saxophone embouchure on the first try! If you are still not able to mimic this embouchure you can use this mental image to help you mimic this embouchure.

- **Tip #1: Imagine** you are trying to drink a milkshake using a very thin straw and **make** a face that mimics this action. Your lips should be **pursed** but not **puckering**, your chin should be flat and your lip corners should be pressing inwards.

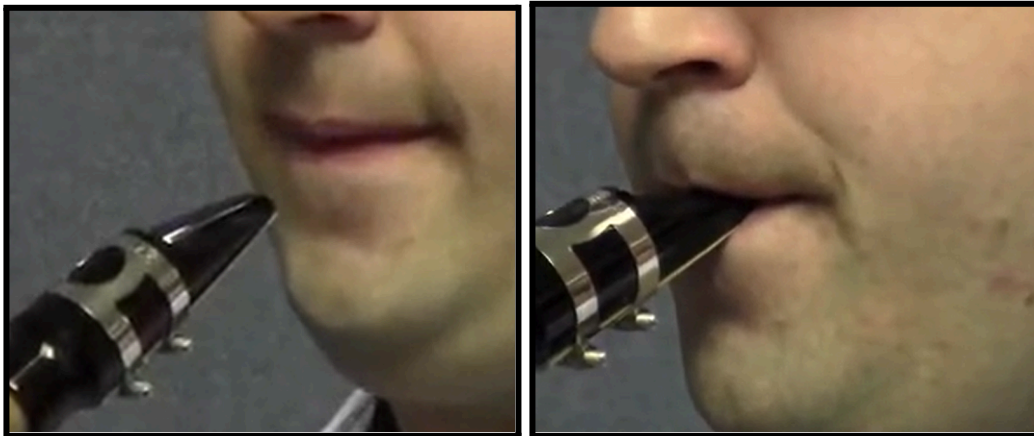
Playing on the Mouthpiece and Neck

Step 1

Prepare your *dim* embouchure (bottom teeth slightly covered, corners inwards, flat chin and no puckering).

Step 2.

Place your mouthpiece in the middle of your lower teeth (covered by your lower lips) and then rest your top teeth on the top part of the reed (do not bite down).



Step 3.

Think of the word “VEE”, **take** a diaphragm breath and **breathe** without puffing your lips or altering your embouchure. After you have run out of breath, remove the mouthpiece from your lips and repeat from step 1.

