Clarinet Tone Production Problems/Remedies

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| Sound Produced | Causes of Problem | Remedies |
| No tone, rushing air | No pressure against reedToo much reed in mouth | Increase lower lip pressureLess mouthpiece in mouth |
| Squak, flat pitch  | Insufficient pressure against reedToo much reed in mouthInsufficient intensity in air flow | Increase lower lip pressureLess mouthpiece in mouthFaster air |
| Squeaks, high squeal | Insufficient pressure against reedToo much reed in mouthClarinet angled too far away from body | Stop tone; increase your pressure, play againLess mouthpiece in mouthStop tone; bring clarinet closer; play |
| Stopped or intense air | Too little reed in mouthToo much lip pressure | More mouthpiece in mouthLess biting: check for bunched chin |
| Thin, sharp pitch | Too little reed in mouthTight, closed throat | More mouthpiece in mouthSay “oh” |