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**Summary:**

1. **Young bassoonists have difficulty with the bottom fifth of the instrument (Bb1 to F2)**
2. **Troubleshooting this:**
	1. **Check whether or not the student is accidentally uncovering tone holes with the left hand**
	2. **The bassoon may have a leaky boot joint or faulty mechanism**
	3. **Check the low E key**
	4. **The reed may be too closed**
	5. **The embouchure is too tight**
		1. **This may be the cause if the low notes crack**
3. **Sometimes students may be able to play low notes easily at louder volumes but have difficulty in soft passages**
	1. **How to address this**