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**Summary:**

1. Brush your teeth before practicing the flute.
   1. The stickiness will get on the pads and then causes them to be sticky also.
2. Always wash your hands before playing the flute.
   1. Acid from your hands can erode the outside of the flute.
   2. This can also happen after time from your saliva on the inside of the instrument.
3. Occasionally the head joint can be washed with warm water and soap.
   1. It’s important to remove the cork before doing so.
4. Clean the embouchure hole of the flute frequently.
   1. It will actually affect the tone and make the quality of the tone better when it is clean.
   2. Use a Q-tip dipped in alcohol to do so.