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**Summary**:

1. It’s important to have a good mouthpiece regardless of the instrument
   1. If the mouthpiece is bad the sound will be bad
   2. A good mouthpiece will cost anywhere from $100 -$180
2. New vs. Used
   1. Both are good, it just depends on your specific circumstance
   2. If you are just beginning, a new horn might be a good idea
   3. When you buy new or used, always check the tuning
   4. When buying a horn, check out many things:
      1. How does it sound
      2. How does it feel
      3. Does it require extra air in any register, more air that usual
   5. Used horns are cheaper, which can is an advantage
   6. When buying a used horn, there are additional things to look for:
      1. Are there any dents
      2. Are the tone holes round
      3. Is the bell solidly attached to the rest of the horn
      4. Is anything loose
      5. Is the neck bent