

Kit: The Jazzman's Trumpet Discussion Questions

Who was your favorite character & why? What was your favorite scene/event?

- 1) What did you find most surprising in this story?
- 2) What were the crazy things that happened leading up to Slim's show? Was the trumpet theft related to the other vandalism?
- 3) Who stole the trumpet? Why?
- 4) Have you ever listened to Swing music or any other kind of jazz?
- 5) What is your favorite kind of music?
- 6) What musical instruments have you played?
- 7) Kit wants to be a reporter. In your opinion, how did she do on her first "grown up" reporting job?
- 8) What was the big mystery with Trixie? Did you have any idea or were you surprised?
- 9) Why did Trixie's mom send back her dad's letters? Do you think she was doing the right thing?

Examples of Swing music:

<https://youtu.be/xPXwkWVEllw> (Glenn Miller- In the Mood)

<https://youtu.be/OfWc52smNs8> (The Andrew Sisters- Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy)

Homemade Trumpet

Supplies:

- Paper towel tube
- Top ¼ of a water bottle
- 9 oz paper cup
- 9 oz plastic cup
- 7 inch plastic plate
- Scotch tape
- 6 inch Styrofoam bowl
- Scissors
- Optional: markers/crayons

Directions

1. Cut out the bottoms of the two cups.
2. Slide the plastic cup over the paper towel tube and all the way down until about half of it is hanging off the tube.
3. Slide the paper cup down so it is completely covering the plastic cup.
4. Put your plastic plate facedown on your work surface. Set your cups with the tube sticking out on top of the plate, making sure it is setting in the center.
5. Use 3 pieces of tape to attach the paper cup to the plate. Do NOT seal completely- air needs to be able to get through.
6. Cut the bottom out of your bowl.
7. Facedown, slide it down the tube, over the cups until it rests on the plate. Use two or three pieces of tape to hold it in place.
8. Take the mouthpiece of the water bottle. You may need to trim more of the bottle away to get it to fit in the tube. Fold in the sides to get it to fit into the tube.
9. Make adjustments as needed. It plays more like a kazoo than a real trumpet.
10. Decorate as you see fit.

