



# Trombone Shorty

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Learn how Trombone Shorty started playing trombone and got his nickname.

## READ

**Before:** Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder how that boy learned to play the trombone?

**During:** Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words

- inspiration—a sudden creative idea
- Mardi Gras—French for Fat Tuesday, it is a celebration before the start of Lent, a religious holiday that focuses on sacrifice
- parade—a public celebration that includes many groups marching or walking down streets
- gumbo—a thick soup with meat, seafood and vegetables
- practiced—learned by doing something many times

**After:** Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Where is Troy from?
- How do you say Hello in Tremé, Troy’s neighborhood?
- What instruments were in the parades?
- Who gave Troy his nickname?
- How did Trombone Shorty become famous?
- What did Troy and his friends name their band?
- What does Trombone Shorty do now?
- Describe the pictures of Trombone Shorty and his trombone.
- Can you play an instrument?
- Would you like to learn to play an instrument?



**DO**

## **Instrument Matching**

Use the attached printable to match pictures of the parade instruments with their names.



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Directions: Match the picture of the instrument to the name of the instrument.

Trumpet



Trombone



Drums



Tuba



Piano

Saxophone

