

Following Instructions

Learning objective: To understand and follow instructions in a text, and to be able to write clear instructions for others.

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. Then, draw a picture of a time when you had to follow instructions carefully.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar was asked to put a new book on the bookshelf. She was given the following instructions: 'Put the book on the top shelf, facing upwards. Make sure the title is clearly visible.' Pip carefully read the instructions and put the book in its right place. She even put a label on the book to make it easy for others to find.

Word bank: bookshelf · label · instructions · clearly · carefully

1. What was Pip asked to do with the book title? (1 mark)

2. Why did Pip put the book on the top shelf? (1 mark)

3. What did Pip do to help others find the book? (1 mark)

4. What would happen if we didn't follow instructions carefully? (2 marks)

5. Can you think of a time when you had to follow instructions to create something, like a craft or a meal? (2 marks)

6. Write a short set of instructions for how to make a simple sandwich. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a time when you had to follow instructions carefully. What were you doing, and what instructions did you follow?



Extension challenge: Create a set of instructions for a more complex task, like building a model or cooking a simple meal. Use clear and concise language to make it easy for others to follow.