

Max's Magnificent Bird Feeder Project

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and evaluate the features of instructional texts.

Read the text below carefully. Use your knowledge of imperative verbs and chronological order to answer the questions that follow.

Max the monkey loves to help his garden friends. To create a bird feeder, follow these precise steps. First, collect a clean, empty plastic bottle and two sturdy wooden spoons. Carefully cut two small holes on opposite sides of the bottle, ensuring they are wide enough for the spoon handle to pass through. Next, push the wooden spoons through the holes so they form a perch for the birds. Fill the bottle with a variety of birdseed, being careful not to spill any on the grass. Finally, secure the lid tightly and tie a long piece of twine around the bottle neck. Find a quiet branch in your garden and hang your feeder securely. By providing this snack, you help the local birds survive during the colder months when food is scarce. Remember to keep the area tidy and wash your hands thoroughly after handling the birdseed. Your feathered visitors will surely appreciate your hard work and kindness. Now, you are ready to observe the natural world from your window!

Word bank: chronological · imperative · equipment · method · ingredients · environment

1. Identify two pieces of equipment needed to complete this project according to the text. (2 marks)

2. What does Max suggest you do immediately after filling the bottle with birdseed? (2 marks)

3. Why is it important to ensure the spoons are pushed through 'opposite sides' of the bottle? (2 marks)

4. What might happen if the twine is not tied securely around the bottle neck? (2 marks)

5. Do you think this is an effective set of instructions? Justify your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram showing the finished bird feeder hanging from a tree branch, including arrows to point out the spoon perches.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are teaching a friend how to make this. Write a short paragraph explaining why you would change the order of any steps, or justify why the current chronological order is the most logical.