

Max's Magnificent Manuals: Mastering Instructions

Learning objective: To understand the features of instructional writing, including imperative verbs, chronological order, and clear steps.

Read each flashcard to learn the key parts of writing instructions. Max the monkey needs your help to build a 'Banana-Split-Machine', so learn these terms to help him write the steps clearly!

What is an imperative verb?

A bossy verb that tells you what to do, such as 'cut', 'mix', or 'stir'.

Why do we use a numbered list in instructions?

To show the reader the correct order to follow the steps.

What does the word 'chronological' mean?

Putting things in the order that they happen in time.

Why is an 'Equipment List' important?

It tells the reader exactly what items they need before they start the task.

What is the purpose of an adverb in instructions?

It describes how to do an action, like 'stir slowly' or 'mix carefully'.

What does a title tell the reader?

It tells the reader what they are going to be making or doing.

Why should instructions include safety warnings?

To help the reader stay safe while they are completing the steps.

If you need to buy ingredients for a recipe, how should you write the cost?

Using the pound sign, for example: £2.50.

What is the 'Method' section?

The part of the instructions that lists the steps to follow.

Why do we use bullet points in the equipment list?

To make the items easy to read and spot quickly.

What punctuation mark is used at the end of a short instruction sentence?

A full stop.

Which character loves maths puzzles and needs clear instructions?

Max the monkey.