Max’s Magnificent Bird Feeder

Learning objective: To understand and identify the features of instructional writing.

Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions below.

Max the monkey wanted to help the garden birds during the chilly winter months. He decided to make a special bird feeder. Here is how he did it:

What you need: One empty plastic bottle, two wooden spoons, some string, and a bag of bird seed.

Method:
1. Ask a grown-up to help you cut two small holes on opposite sides of the bottle.
2. Push the wooden spoon through both holes so the handle sticks out one side and the bowl of the spoon sticks out the other. The birds will land on the handle to eat.
3. Fill the bottle carefully with bird seed until it reaches the top.
4. Tie a strong piece of string around the neck of the bottle.
5. Find a sturdy tree branch in your garden and hang your feeder high up where the birds feel safe.

Max watched from behind a bush as a robin landed on the wooden spoon. He felt very happy that his maths puzzle of 'how to feed the birds' was solved successfully. Always remember to wash your hands after touching the bird seed!

Word bank: ingredients · sequence · equipment · instructions · method

1. List two items you need to make the bird feeder. (2 marks)

2. According to the instructions, what should you do after you touch the bird seed? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max asks a grown-up to help him cut the holes in the bottle? (2 marks)

4. Why does the writer suggest hanging the feeder on a sturdy branch? (2 marks)

5. Do you think this is a good way to help birds? Explain why using your own opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max’s bird feeder hanging in a tree with a bird landing on the spoon.

Extension challenge: Write a list of three new things you might need if you wanted to make a different type of bird feeder, such as one made from a pinecone.