

Max's Perfect Picnic

Learning objective: To understand and follow simple instructions in a procedural text.

Read the instructions below carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

Max the monkey is very hungry! He wants to make a yummy fruit salad for his friends. Follow these instructions to help Max prepare his snack.

How to make Max's Fruit Salad:

1. First, wash three red apples and two yellow bananas in cool water.
2. Ask a grown-up to help you carefully chop the fruit into small pieces.
3. Put all the fruit into a large, colourful bowl.
4. Squeeze a little bit of orange juice over the fruit to keep it fresh.
5. Finally, use a big spoon to mix everything together.

Max says, "Making food is just like a maths puzzle! You have to put things in the right order to get the perfect result." Once you have finished, you can share the fruit salad with your friends. Remember to wash your hands before you start. It is very important to keep everything clean when you are cooking. Max loves his fruity snack, and he knows that eating healthy food gives him lots of energy for his afternoon adventures in the jungle.

Word bank: instructions · ingredients · method · carefully · prepare

1. How many apples do you need to wash? (1 mark)

2. What does Max add to the fruit to keep it fresh? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max suggest asking a grown-up for help? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Max says that making food is like a maths puzzle? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to wash your hands before cooking? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sharing his fruit salad with his friends in the jungle.



Extension challenge: Write your own set of three instructions for how to make your favourite breakfast toast or a bowl of cereal.