

Max's Magnificent Manuals: Learning Instructions

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use imperative verbs and organisational features of instructional texts.

Read each flashcard carefully. Max the monkey needs your help to understand how to write clear instructions for his maths games. Flip the card to check if you know the answer!

What is an imperative verb?

A bossy word that tells you what to do, like 'jump', 'cut', or 'mix'.

Why do we use numbered lists in instructions?

To show the correct order so the reader knows which step to do first, second, and third.

What is the 'Heading' of an instruction text?

The title that tells you what you are going to make or do.

What does the word 'chronological' mean?

Putting things in the right order based on time.

**Which word is the imperative verb in this sentence:
'Stir the mixture slowly.'?**

Stir.

What are bullet points used for?

To list items you need, like ingredients or equipment.

If you are writing instructions, why is it important to be clear?

So the person reading your instructions can finish the task without getting confused.

What should you do after you finish a step?

Move to the next step in the sequence.

Name one piece of equipment you might need for a recipe.

A bowl, a spoon, or a jug (or any suitable kitchen item).

Max wants to tell a friend how to brush their teeth. Should he start with 'Put toothpaste on the brush'?

Yes, that is the first step in the sequence.

Which is an imperative verb: 'Happy' or 'Open'?

Open.

What is the purpose of instructions?

To help someone complete a task or make something.