

Max's Magnificent Math-Tastic Smoothie Instructions

Learning objective: To write clear, sequential instructions using imperative verbs, fronted adverbials, and precise technical vocabulary.

Max the monkey has been experimenting in his jungle kitchen to create the perfect energy-boosting smoothie. Unfortunately, he has muddled up his recipe steps! Your task is to reorder the jumbled steps into a coherent set of instructions. Use the word bank to help you add fronted adverbials to make the instructions more descriptive. Finally, write one additional 'Safety Step' that Max must follow to keep his kitchen clean.

Word bank: Carefully · Afterwards · Next · Initially · Finally · Simultaneously · Gently · Precisely

1. The jumbled steps are: A) Pour the mixture into a glass. B) Peel two ripe bananas. C) Press the 'blend' button on the machine. D) Add 150ml of fresh coconut milk. E) Wash the fruit thoroughly. Write the steps in the correct chronological order. (5 marks)

2. Identify two imperative (bossy) verbs from your ordered list and explain why they are essential for instructional writing. (3 marks)

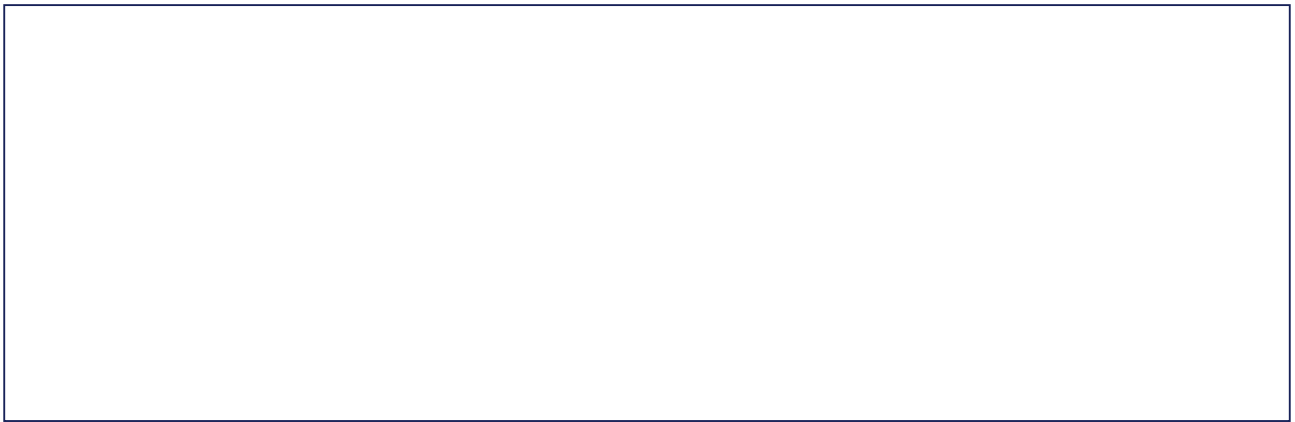
3. Explain why it is important to include specific measurements (like 150ml) in a recipe rather than using vague terms like 'some milk'. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How would the instructions change if Max were making a smoothie for ten monkeys instead of just himself? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do we use fronted adverbials at the beginning of sentences in instructions? (2 marks)

6. Write a 'Safety Step' for Max to include in his instructions to ensure he doesn't spill the smoothie or hurt himself while using the blender. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of Max's smoothie machine, labelling the different parts such as the 'blending chamber', the 'power switch', and the 'safety lid'.



Extension challenge: Imagine Max wants to invent a new 'Math-Tastic' smoothie. Write a new, original set of instructions for his creation. You must include at least three fronted adverbials, a list of ingredients with precise measurements in millilitres or grams, and a warning section to ensure the reader stays safe.