

Max's Magnificent Manual: How to Build a Bird Feeder

Learning objective: To write a clear set of instructions using imperative verbs, chronological connectives, and technical vocabulary.

Follow this scaffold to write your own set of instructions. Ensure you use bossy verbs (imperatives) and clear, numbered steps to help a reader complete your task successfully.

To create a sturdy bird feeder, you will first need to gather all the necessary materials from your garden shed.

Word bank: First of all · Next · Afterwards · Subsequently · Finally · Carefully · Ensure · Place · Secure · Attach · Consequently

1. Title and Introduction: Write a catchy title for your instructions and explain what the reader is going to create. Start with: 'This guide will show you how to...' (2 marks)

2. Equipment List: List the items required to complete the task. Use bullet points and include quantities. Start with: 'You will need: ...' (2 marks)

3. Step-by-Step Instructions: Write three clear steps using imperative verbs. Start with: 'Step 1: ...' (3 marks)

4. Adding Detail: Describe how to complete the trickiest part of your task using an adverb. Start with: 'You must remember to...' (2 marks)

5. Safety and Troubleshooting: What should the reader do if something goes wrong? Start with: 'If you find that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Add a 'Top Tips' box at the end of your instructions containing two pieces of expert advice to make the finished product even better.