

Year 3 English Assessment: Writing Instructions

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and write clear, sequential instructions using imperative verbs and time conjunctions.

Read the instructions provided by Max the monkey carefully. Answer all questions in the spaces provided. Remember to use your neatest handwriting and check your spelling.

How to Build a Maths Puzzle Box by Max the monkey:

1. First, find a sturdy cardboard box and some colourful tape.
2. Carefully cut a small hole in the lid of the box using safety scissors.
3. Next, decorate the outside of your box with patterns using felt-tip pens.
4. Then, write five addition sums on small pieces of paper and hide them inside the box.
5. Finally, ask a friend to solve the sums to open the box!

Word bank: Imperative · Sequential · Conjunction · Adverb · Instruction · Step · Method

1. Look at the passage. Identify two imperative (bossy) verbs used in the instructions. (2 marks)

2. Why are the numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) used at the start of each line? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one time conjunction from the passage that helps the reader know the order of the steps. (1 mark)

4. If you were writing these instructions, why would you need to include a list of 'Equipment Needed' at the beginning? (3 marks)

5. Rewrite step 2 to include an adverb that describes how to cut the hole safely. (2 marks)

6. The box costs £2.50 to decorate and the pens cost £1.20. If you have a £5.00 note, how much change would you receive? Show your working. (3 marks)

7. Imagine you are teaching a friend how to make a paper aeroplane. Write a short set of instructions (4-5 steps) using imperative verbs, time conjunctions, and clear, sequential order. (12 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of Max the monkey's finished Maths Puzzle Box, showing where the hole is and the patterns you would add.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a 'Top Tip' to the bottom of your instructions that uses an 'if' sentence, like: 'If the lid is too stiff, ask an adult to help you.'?