

How to Make a Sunny Garden Bird Feeder

Learning objective: To understand the features of instructional writing and retrieve information from a procedural text.

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

Max the monkey has been busy in the garden! He wants to share his favourite recipe for a bird feeder. To make this, you will need: one empty plastic bottle, two wooden spoons, bird seed, and some string. First, ask a grown-up to help you cut two small holes on opposite sides of the bottle. Next, push a wooden spoon through the holes so that the handle sticks out one side and the spoon bowl sticks out the other. Repeat this further down for the second spoon. These act as perches for the birds. Carefully fill the bottle with bird seed until it reaches the spoon level. The seed will spill onto the spoon bowl as the birds eat. Finally, tie a long piece of string around the neck of the bottle and hang it from a sturdy tree branch. Now, sit quietly and watch as the garden birds arrive for their tasty snack! Remember to keep the feeder topped up so your feathered friends stay full all year round.

Word bank: ingredients · method · sequence · equipment · mixture

1. List two items you need to collect before you start making the bird feeder. (2 marks)

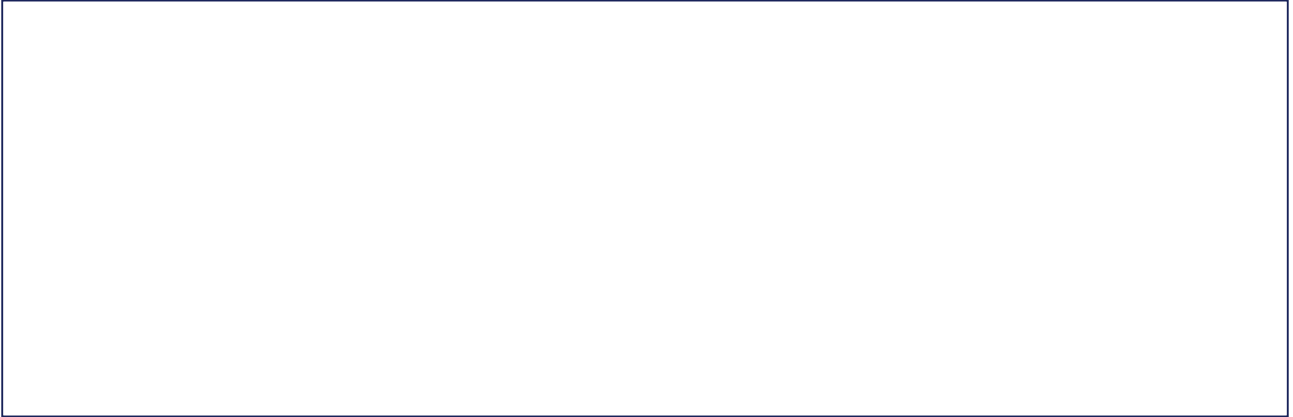
2. What is the purpose of the wooden spoons in this design? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author suggest asking a grown-up to help with the bottle? (2 marks)

4. What might happen to the bird feeder if you forget to add the string? (2 marks)

5. Do you think this is a good project for a school garden? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram showing the finished bird feeder hanging in a tree, ensuring you show the wooden spoon perches and the bird seed inside.



Extension challenge: Write your own set of two instructions for how to look after the bird feeder once it is hanging in the garden.