

Mastering Instructions with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of instructional writing, including imperative verbs and time conjunctions.

Read each flashcard carefully to learn about how to write clear instructions. Kit the Fox uses these features to build clever gadgets and solve tricky puzzles!

What is an imperative verb?

An imperative verb is a 'bossy' verb that gives a command or instruction, such as 'cut', 'fold', or 'mix'.

What do we call the order in which instructions must happen?

Chronological order (the order of time).

Why do we use numbers in a list of instructions?

To show the reader the exact order in which the steps must be completed.

Give three examples of time conjunctions used in instructions.

First, next, then, after that, finally.

What is the purpose of a subheading?

To tell the reader what each section of the instructions is about.

Identify the imperative verb in this sentence: 'Gently stir the mixture.'

Stir.

Should instructions be written in the past, present, or future tense?

Present tense.

What is the 'Equipment' or 'Ingredients' list for?

To tell the reader what items they need before they start the task.

Why is it important to use clear and simple language in instructions?

To ensure the reader can follow the steps easily without getting confused.

If a step says 'Carefully pour the juice into the jug', which word is the adverb?

Carefully.

True or False: Instructions are meant to be read in any order.

False. They must be followed in chronological order.

Kit needs to tell someone how to make a sandwich. What should the first heading be?

Ingredients (or Equipment).