

Max's Magnificent Manuals: A Quick Quiz on Instructions

Learning objective: To identify the features of instructional texts and understand how to write clear, sequential steps.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of instructional writing to help Max the monkey solve his puzzles. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A (Imperative verbs), 2. True, 3. Chronological, 4. C (To make the steps easy to read), 5. False, 6. A (First), 7. B (Add the flour), 8. Subheadings, 9. True, 10. D (All of the above).

Word bank: imperative verbs · chronological · subheadings · bullet points · time connectives · layout

1. 1. Which type of verbs are used in instructions to tell the reader what to do (e.g., 'Mix', 'Cut', 'Fold')? A) Imperative verbs*, B) Adjectives, C) Proper nouns, D) Past tense verbs. (1 mark)
2. 2. True or False: Instructions should always be written in the order that the steps need to be completed. (1 mark)
3. 3. What is the correct word for arranging steps in the order they happen? (Clue: It starts with 'c') (1 mark)
4. 4. Why do we use bullet points or numbered lists in instructions? A) To make it look pretty, B) To write less, C) To make the steps easy to read*, D) To hide the instructions. (1 mark)
5. 5. True or False: You should never include a list of equipment or ingredients at the start of a set of instructions. (1 mark)
6. 6. Which of these is a time connective used in instructions? A) First*, B) Quickly, C) Blue, D) Because. (1 mark)
7. 7. Which of these is the best example of an instructional sentence? A) The flour is soft. B) Add the flour.* C) Flour was added. D) I like flour. (1 mark)
8. 8. What do we call the titles that help break up a long set of instructions into smaller sections? (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Diagrams or pictures are helpful to show the reader what the finished result should look like. (1 mark)

10. 10. What makes a good set of instructions? A) Clear steps, B) Imperative verbs, C) Time connectives, D) All of the above*. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a set of 3 simple instructions for making a sandwich. Include a small picture for each step to help the reader understand what to do.



Extension challenge: Max the monkey wants to build a birdhouse! Write a short set of 4 instructions to help him, using an imperative verb at the start of each step.