

Max's Super Smoothie Recipe

Learning objective: To understand and identify the features of instructional writing.

Read the recipe below, which Max the monkey has written to help his friends make a healthy snack. Then, answer the questions to show how well you understand how instructions are organised.

How to Make Max's Monkey-Berry Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- A handful of fresh strawberries
- 100ml of cold milk
- 1 small tub of yoghurt (£0.50)

Method:

1. Carefully peel the banana and break it into chunks.
2. Wash the strawberries under cold water.
3. Place all the ingredients into a blender.
4. Secure the lid tightly before you switch it on.
5. Blend for thirty seconds until smooth.
6. Pour into a glass and enjoy your drink!

Word bank: imperative verb · chronological · bullet points · ingredients · method · adverb

1. What are the two main headings used in Max's instructions? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one imperative (bossy) verb from the method section. (1 mark)

3. Why is it important for the steps in the method to be in a specific order? (2 marks)

4. If you bought the yoghurt for £0.50 and had £1.00, how much change would you receive? (1 mark)

5. Which word in step 1 describes how you should peel the banana? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey enjoying his finished smoothie. Make sure you include all the ingredients mentioned in the recipe!



Extension challenge: Write your own set of three instructions for a simple task, such as how to make a jam sandwich or how to brush your teeth. Remember to start each sentence with an imperative verb!