

Max's Magnificent Manuals: A Year 5 Instruction Quiz

Learning objective: To identify, analyse, and evaluate the structural and linguistic features of instructional texts.

Read the following short guide written by Max the Monkey to help you answer the quiz questions below. Use your knowledge of imperative verbs, chronological order, and technical vocabulary.

How to Build a Sturdy Nut-Store: 1. Gather ten sturdy twigs and a bundle of dry leaves. 2. Carefully weave the twigs together to form a circular base. 3. Secure the structure using long blades of grass tied in tight knots. 4. Gently layer the leaves over the top to protect your snacks from the rain. 5. Finally, place your nuts inside and check that the roof is stable. Answer Key: 1.C*, 2.True, 3.Imperative, 4.B*, 5.False, 6.Chronological, 7.A*, 8.True, 9.Adverbial, 10.B*

Word bank: Imperative · Chronological · Subheading · Bullet points · Adverbial · Procedure

1. Which of these is the best example of an imperative verb used in Max's text? A) Sturdy B) Inside C) Gather* D) Circular (1 mark)

2. True or False: Instructional texts should always follow a chronological order to ensure the task is completed successfully. (1 mark)

3. What is the grammatical term for a verb that gives a command or instruction? (1 mark)

4. Why does Max use numbers in his instructions? A) To show how much they cost B) To show the sequence of steps* C) To indicate which step is hardest D) To count the number of twigs (1 mark)

5. True or False: It is essential to include your own personal opinion about the nuts in a formal set of instructions. (1 mark)

6. What type of organisational structure does Max use to ensure his reader doesn't get lost? (1 mark)

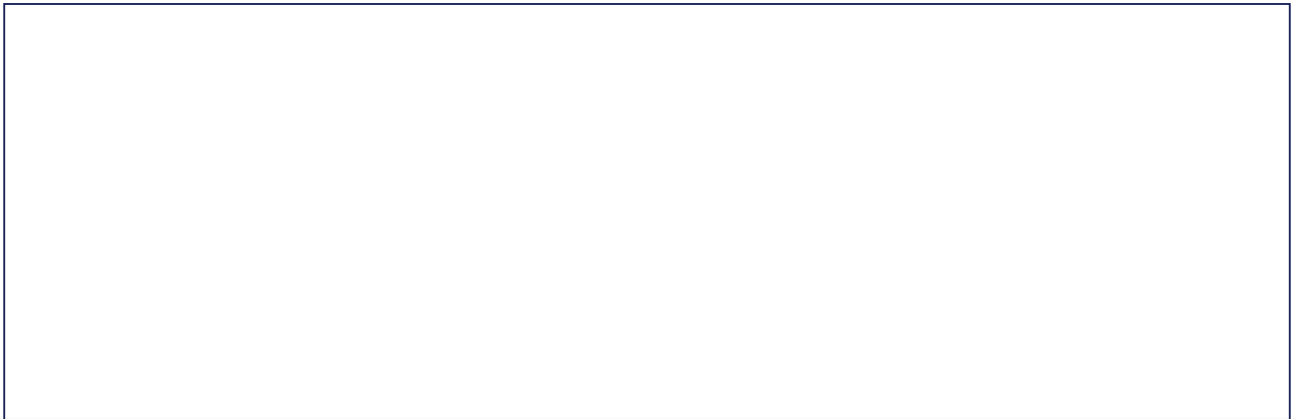
7. Which of these words is an adverb used to explain how to perform an action? A) Carefully* B) Twigs C) Sturdy D) Build (1 mark)

8. True or False: Subheadings are useful in instructions to break the text into manageable sections. (1 mark)

9. 9. In the sentence 'Finally, place your nuts inside', what is the word 'Finally' an example of? (1 mark)

10. 10. Why might you use bullet points instead of numbered lists? A) When the steps are very long B) When the order does not matter* C) To make the text look colourful D) To hide information (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of Max's Nut-Store with labels showing the different parts (base, frame, roof) using technical vocabulary.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why imperative verbs are more effective than descriptive adjectives in instructional writing. 2. Compare and contrast a recipe with a set of assembly instructions; what features do they share? 3. Justify why clear, concise language is vital for safety instructions. 4. What might happen if an instruction manual missed out a vital step in the middle of the sequence? 5. If you were writing instructions for a robot, how would your language need to change compared to writing for a human? 6. Rewrite step 4 of Max's guide using a fronted adverbial to add more detail about the environment.