

Mastering the Art of Instructions with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and use imperative verbs, temporal connectives, and precise adverbs to write clear, sequential instructions.

Read the following guide created by Kit the Fox for building a 'Biodiversity Bug Hotel'. Then, answer the questions provided to demonstrate your understanding of instructional writing.

How to Build a Biodiversity Bug Hotel: A Guide by Kit the Fox.

Are you ready to welcome tiny guests into your garden? Follow these steps to construct a safe haven for invertebrates. First, carefully select a quiet, sheltered corner of the garden to place your base. Next, stack recycled wooden pallets or bricks in a sturdy pyramid shape to ensure stability. Then, insert hollow bamboo canes, pinecones, and dried leaves into the gaps to create individual 'rooms' for the insects. Afterwards, firmly secure the roof using a piece of waterproof wood or slate to prevent rain from entering. Finally, place a small sign nearby to welcome your new neighbours. Remember, always handle materials gently to protect our small, multi-legged friends.

Word bank: Imperative · Chronological · Temporal · Precise · Adverb · Sequence · Structure

1. Identify two imperative verbs used in the passage and explain how they influence the tone of the instructions. (2 marks)

2. Why has Kit the Fox used temporal connectives like 'First', 'Next', and 'Finally'? What might happen if these were removed? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one adverb from the text. Explain how this adverb clarifies exactly how the action should be performed. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the use of instructions in this text with a recipe. How are the structural features similar or different? (3 marks)

5. Justify why it is important to include a list of materials (equipment) before the steps in an instructional text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of Kit the Fox's bug hotel. Label each section (the roof, the rooms, the base) and add a short, imperative sentence for each label (e.g., 'Stack the bricks tightly').



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an expert inventor. Write a set of instructions for a 'Self-Tidying Bedroom Machine'. You must use at least four imperative verbs, three temporal connectives, and two adverbs. Challenge yourself to include a 'Safety Warning' section using formal, persuasive language.