

Mastering the Art of Instruction: A Guide to Clarity

Learning objective: To identify, analyse, and write effective instructional texts using imperative verbs, temporal conjunctions, and precise adverbs.

Read the requirements for each question carefully. Ensure your writing is formal yet accessible, utilising the linguistic features typical of high-quality instructional guides.

N/A - This worksheet focuses on the application of instructional grammar and structure.

Word bank: Imperative · Chronological · Temporal conjunction · Precise · Adverbial · Sequence · Concise

1. Max the monkey is building a banana-counting machine. Rewrite the following sentence to include an imperative verb and a precise adverb: 'The machine is turned on by you slowly.' (2 marks)

2. Explain why it is essential to use chronological order when writing a set of instructions for a complex task like baking a cake or building a model. (3 marks)

3. Add a suitable temporal conjunction to the start of this sentence: '_____ you have tightened the final screw, inspect the entire structure for stability.' (1 mark)

4. Compare and contrast the tone of a set of instructions for a science experiment versus a recipe for a favourite dish. How does the language change to suit the audience? (4 marks)

5. Kit the fox has written: 'Put the battery in the slot.' Justify why adding a prepositional phrase would improve the clarity of this instruction. (2 marks)

6. What might happen if the instructional writer fails to include an equipment list at the beginning of their guide? Provide a detailed response. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a clear, step-by-step diagram showing how to make a cup of tea or a simple paper aeroplane, ensuring you label your steps 1-4.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn the dolphin. Write a short, three-step set of instructions for a fellow explorer on how to safely navigate a coral reef, using at least two fronted adverbials and technical vocabulary.