

Max's Masterclass: The Art of Instructions

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and apply the structural and linguistic features of instructional texts, including imperative verbs, fronted adverbials, and chronological order.

Read the following questions carefully. Max the monkey needs your help to organise his jungle equipment manual. Choose the best answer or provide the one-word response required.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. B, 3. True, 4. Imperative, 5. C, 6. True, 7. Chronological, 8. B, 9. False, 10. Fronted adverbial.

Word bank: Imperative · Chronological · Fronted adverbial · Subheading · Bullet point · Diagram

1. 1. Which type of verb is essential for starting an instruction? A) Noun B) Imperative* C) Adjective D) Conjunction (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the main purpose of an instructional text? A) To entertain the reader with a story B) To tell the reader how to complete a task* C) To express personal feelings D) To debate a controversial topic (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Instructions should always follow a logical, step-by-step order. (1 mark)

4. 4. Fill in the blank: '_____ verbs' are bossy verbs used to give direct commands (e.g., Mix, Stir, Cut). (1 mark)

5. 5. Which feature helps the reader find specific information quickly? A) A glossary B) A poem C) A subheading* D) An index (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You should use time conjunctions like 'firstly', 'then', and 'finally' to help the flow of instructions. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the term for ordering steps based on the time they happen? (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is the best example of an imperative instruction? A) Maybe you could stir the mixture. B) Stir the mixture thoroughly.* C) Stirring the mixture is fun. D) The mixture was stirred. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: It is standard practice to include your own opinion about how much you dislike the task within the instructions. (1 mark)

10. 10. 'After five minutes, remove the tray.' What is the phrase 'After five minutes' called? (1 mark)

**Draw: Draw a clear, labelled diagram showing how to assemble a simple bird feeder. _____
Include at least three numbered steps with imperative verbs.**



Extension challenge: Max has bought 3 bags of birdseed at £2.50 each and a wooden feeder for £8.00. Write a set of 3 instructions on how to set up the feeder, and calculate the total cost of his project.