

Max's Magnificent Invention: How-To Guide

Learning objective: To write a clear, coherent set of instructions using imperative verbs, adverbials of time, and technical vocabulary.

Max the monkey has invented a new machine to help organise his library, but he needs you to write the instructions so others can build it! Use this template to create your own set of 'How-To' instructions. Remember to use imperative (bossy) verbs like 'attach', 'connect', and 'fasten', and include adverbials of time like 'firstly', 'afterwards', and 'finally'.

Word bank: Imperative verbs · Chronological order · Subheadings · Bullet points · Safety precautions · Technical equipment

1. Title and Introduction: Write a catchy title for your invention and a brief introduction explaining what the machine does and why it is useful. (2 marks)

2. Equipment List: List the materials and tools needed for your invention. Remember to use bullet points for clarity. (2 marks)

3. Step-by-Step Instructions (Part 1): Begin the building process. Use at least two imperative verbs and one adverbial of time. (3 marks)

4. Step-by-Step Instructions (Part 2): Describe the final stages of the assembly. Ensure your instructions are clear enough for someone else to follow. (3 marks)

5. Safety and Troubleshooting: Write one important safety warning and one tip for what to do if the invention does not work properly. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Once your instructions are finished, exchange your work with a partner. Can they follow your steps to draw a diagram of your invention? If they get stuck, add a 'Top Tip' box to make your instructions even clearer.