

Mastering the Art of Instructions with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and use imperative verbs, temporal connectives, and clear sequencing to write effective instructional texts.

Read the passage carefully, identify the instructional features, and then answer the questions based on the text.

How to Build a Sturdy Birdhouse by Kit the Fox.

Are you ready to use your engineering skills? Follow these steps to build a safe home for your garden visitors.

1. Firstly, gather your materials: four pieces of untreated wood, a handful of galvanised nails, and a non-toxic glue.
2. Carefully apply a thin line of glue along the edge of the base piece.
3. Next, press the side walls firmly against the base until the glue begins to set.
4. Secure the walls by hammering the nails at regular intervals; ensure you keep your fingers well away from the hammer head.
5. Finally, attach the roof piece at an angle so that rainwater can easily run off the sides.

Remember: Always seek permission from an adult before using tools!

Word bank: Imperative · Sequence · Chronological · Temporal · Adverbial · Precision

1. Identify two imperative verbs used in the instructions. Explain why imperative verbs are important in this type of text. (2 marks)

2. Find and copy two temporal connectives from the text. How do these help the reader? (2 marks)

3. Why does Kit suggest placing the roof at an angle? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer. (2 marks)

4. Look at step 4. Why is the clause 'ensure you keep your fingers well away from the hammer head' included? (2 marks)

5. If you wanted to add a step about painting the birdhouse, where should it go in the sequence and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of the birdhouse Kit described, showing the roof at an angle and the four walls.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are teaching a friend how to make your favourite sandwich. Write a set of instructions using at least three imperative verbs and three different temporal connectives.