

Writing Clear Instructions with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To learn how to use imperative verbs and clear steps to write instructions.

Max the Monkey needs your help! He is trying to teach his friends how to make a fruit salad. Read the questions below and use the word bank to help you complete the tasks. Remember to use bossy verbs (imperative verbs) like 'cut', 'mix', and 'wash'.

Word bank: Wash · Cut · Mix · Put · Serve · First · Then · Next · Finally

1. Max needs to start his instructions. Which bossy verb should he use to tell his friends to clean the fruit first? (1 mark)

2. Put these three steps in the correct order using the words 'First', 'Next', and 'Finally':

1. _____ the fruit into bowls.
2. _____ the fruit under the tap.
3. _____ the apple into small pieces. (3 marks)

3. Write a short instruction to tell a friend how to stir the fruit salad. Start with a bossy verb. (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to use numbers or time words like 'First' and 'Then' in instructions? (Hint: It helps the reader stay in the right...) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey making a delicious bowl of fruit salad. Label your drawing with one bossy verb (e.g., 'Mix!').



Extension challenge: Write one more instruction for Max to tell his friends what to do after they finish eating. Start your sentence with a bossy verb.