

Writing task: Instructions

Suggested SPAG: Imperative verbs

How to Write Instructions

1. Write in the present tense.
2. Use imperative verbs and adverbs to begin each step.
3. Use topic words.
4. Use time conjunctions.
5. Use clear descriptions.



Task 1: Order the following instructions on how to make a sandwich. How do you know which order they go in? Next, write down or underline the imperative verbs. Now do the same for time conjunctions. Are there any steps that you think need to be added? Why?

Finally, eat your delicious sandwich!

After that, use the knife to spread some jam on top of the butter on one of the slices of bread.

You will need:

2 slices of bread

Butter/ spread

Jam

knife

Next, use the knife to spread the butter on to one side of each piece of bread.

After that, cut the sandwich in half with the knife.

First, get two slices of bread.

Then, put one slice of bread on top of the other. Make sure that both buttered sides are touching.


Task 2: You now need to complete a task which might require instructions. This could be playing a game, cooking something or even a chore! Complete the task once and then complete it again, making notes about what exactly you need to do. Complete it one more time, checking that you have included everything you did- including any equipment that you used.

If you are stuck for ideas, you could use this video on how to make fruit skewers. If you don't want to make them, you could write instructions based on the people in the video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-sanbSK4_g

Task 3: Now, it is time to write your instructions. Remember to use the features of instructions shown at the top of this document. You could also decorate your instructions and then test them out on someone in your household.

Y3 Instructions Word Mat



next	firstly
after	finally
afterwards	when
now	then
before	

method	steps	equipment	recipe
ingredients	you will need	how to	add
mix	place	cut	measure
prepare	use	enjoy	rinse
boil	melt	attach	fold
heat	squeeze	slice	spread
because	when	if	as
after	while	before	so
but			