



Writing Task: This week, you will be writing a set of instructions.

Instructions tell us how do to something. There are many different types of instructions.

Some examples include:

- recipes;
- directions;
- how to play a game;
- how to make or build something;
- how to repair something;
- or how to look after/care for something.

Regardless of their purpose, instructions share many of the same features:

- **an introduction** to explain what the end result will be (what the instructions will help the reader to do). This will usually include questions to engage the reader.
- **a list of things the reader will need**, such as ingredients for a recipe, materials for a building project or equipment for a craft activity.
- **an outline of the method** needed to complete the task (usually in chronological order).
- **imperative verbs** are usually used within the method to 'boss' the reader around!
- **conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs** to show time, place and cause should be used throughout, e.g. After that, Inside the box, As soon as it has melted, etc.
- **extra tips and advice** may be given to the reader for especially tricky parts of a task.
- **pictures or diagrams** can be used to provide clarification, e.g. a series of pictures or diagrams corresponding to each step of the method, a single picture or diagram of a tricky part of the process or an illustration of the final product.
- **a conclusion** to sum up the task and help the reader check that they have achieved the correct outcome.
- **layout devices** will also be used to structure and organise the text. These may include headings and subheadings, underlining, bold or italic text, bullet points and numbers.

Mini task: Read the instructions on how to care for a mouskin - what features of an instruction text can you spot? Annotate the text.

How to Care for a Mouskin³

¹An introduction with questions to engage the reader.

Over the last few years², mouskins have become the must-have pet. These long-whiskered fluffy creatures look like a cross between a mouse and a cat and are gentle, highly intelligent animals. Are you thinking of getting a mouskin? Do you think you could care for one effectively? These instructions will tell you all you need to know to look after your new pet:¹

Writing task:

Using the examples, have a go at writing your own set of instructions.

It could be for:

- recipes;
- directions;
- how to play a game;
- how to make or build something;
- how to repair something;
- or how to look after/care for something.

Remember to include:

- an introduction
- a list of things the reader will need
- a method
- imperative verbs
- conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs
- extra tips and advice
- pictures or diagrams
- a conclusion
- layout devices (e.g. headings and subheadings, underlining, bold or italic text, bullet points and numbers)

Word mat to help:

<u>Imperative verbs:</u>	<u>Conjunctions:</u>	<u>Prepositions:</u>	<u>Adverbs:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fold• shake• measure• attach• continue• remove• repeat• locate• complete• smooth• apply• absorb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• because• once• when• if• after• as• while• before• so• but• however• until	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• before• after• during• between• among• within• through• across• around• under• near• below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• carefully• particularly• considerably• alternatively• securely• rapidly• bravely• constantly• regularly• frequently• occasionally• peacefully