

Max's Magnificent Maths-Game Instructions

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of instructional writing, including imperative verbs and adverbials of time.

Read the instructions below written by Max the monkey. Then, answer the questions to show how well you understand the structure of a set of instructions.

How to Play 'Max's Counting Conkers'

Equipment:

- 20 polished conkers
- One small wooden basket
- A flat surface

Method:

1. First, place the basket exactly two metres away from your starting position.
2. Carefully scatter the 20 conkers in a pile on the floor.
3. Next, pick up one conker at a time and attempt to throw it into the basket.
4. After you have thrown all of the conkers, count how many landed inside the basket.
5. Finally, record your total score on a piece of paper to see if you can beat your previous record!

Word bank: Imperative · Chronological · Adverbial · Sequence · Instructions · Method

1. Identify two imperative (bossy) verbs used in the 'Method' section of the instructions. (2 marks)

2. Why is it important to use chronological order when writing instructions? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one adverbial of time used in the text. (1 mark)

4. If you wanted to change this game to make it harder, what instruction would you add to the list? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Max included an 'Equipment' list at the beginning of his instructions? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram showing how the game is set up, including the basket, the starting position, and the pile of conkers.



Extension challenge: Write a short set of instructions (3-4 steps) for a simple activity you enjoy, such as making a jam sandwich or brushing your teeth. Remember to use at least two imperative verbs and one adverbial of time!