

# Max's Magnificent Marshmallow Tower

*Learning objective: To identify and use imperative verbs and chronological conjunctions when writing instructions.*

Read the instructions below to help Max build his tower. Then, look at the vocabulary list and complete the questions. Finally, illustrate your own tower design in the space provided.

How to build a Marshmallow and Spaghetti Tower: First, gather twenty dry spaghetti strands and one bag of marshmallows. Next, carefully push the ends of the spaghetti into the marshmallows to create a triangular base. Then, build upwards by adding more layers, ensuring each joint is secure. Finally, measure the height of your finished structure to see if you have beaten your previous record!

*Word bank: First · Next · Carefully · Then · Finally · Measure · Construct · Balance*

**1. Identify two imperative verbs (bossy verbs) used in the instructions above. (2 marks)**

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**2. Why is it important to use chronological conjunctions like 'First' and 'Finally' in a set of instructions? (2 marks)**

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**3. Max wants to buy more marshmallows for his building club. A bag costs £1.25. How much would three bags cost in total? (2 marks)**

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**4. Find and copy one adverb from the text that tells the reader how to perform an action. (1 mark)**

**5. If you were writing your own instructions, why might you use bullet points instead of a paragraph? (2 marks)**

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**Draw: Draw a detailed picture of Max the monkey building a tall, wobbly tower made of spaghetti and marshmallows. Show him looking very focused!**



*Extension challenge: Write a list of three 'Safety Tips' for building your tower, using imperative verbs and at least one negative imperative (e.g., 'Do not...').*