

How to Build a Habit-at for Hedgehogs

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of instructional texts, including imperative verbs and time connectives.

Read the passage below carefully. Then, answer the questions that follow using evidence from the text.

Max the monkey has been helping Bea the bee learn how to look after the wildlife in the meadow. Follow these steps to build a safe home for a hedgehog:

1. First, find a quiet, shady corner of the garden that is away from any busy paths or noisy areas.
2. Next, gather your materials. You will need a sturdy wooden box, some dry leaves, and a handful of twigs.
3. Carefully place the wooden box on the ground, making sure it is stable and will not wobble.
4. Gently fill the inside of the box with the dry leaves and twigs to create a cosy bed for your prickly visitor.
5. Finally, place a heavy flat stone on top of the roof to keep the lid secure during windy weather.

Remember, never disturb a hedgehog if you find one sleeping inside! Simply leave the area quietly and let them rest.

Word bank: imperative · chronological · habitat · materials · sequence · connective

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

2. Why does the author suggest placing a heavy stone on top of the wooden box? (2 marks)

3. What is the purpose of using numbered steps in this text? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one time connective used in the passage. (1 mark)

5. Why is it important to choose a 'quiet, shady corner' for the hedgehog home? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of the hedgehog habitat, showing the wooden box, the dry leaves inside, and the stone on the roof.



Extension challenge: Write your own set of three instructions for a friend explaining how to make a simple bird feeder using items you might find in a kitchen. Remember to use imperative verbs!