

Max's Super Smoothie Instructions

Learning objective: To identify and use imperative verbs and chronological adverbs to write clear instructions.

Read the instructions below written by Max the monkey. Then, complete the drawing task and answer the questions to show your understanding of instructional texts.

How to make Max's Tropical Morning Smoothie:

First, wash your hands thoroughly to keep your workspace clean. Next, gather your ingredients: one ripe banana, a handful of blueberries, and 200ml of apple juice. Then, carefully peel the banana and break it into small pieces. Place the fruit into the blender jug. Pour the apple juice over the fruit. Finally, ask an adult to help you switch on the blender for thirty seconds until the mixture is smooth. Pour into a glass and enjoy your healthy drink!

Word bank: First · Next · Then · Finally · Carefully · Blend · Pour · Ingredients

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

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

3. According to the text, what must you do before you start peeling the banana? (1 mark)

4. Why does Max suggest that an adult should help with the blender? (1 mark)

5. If you wanted to add a new step between pouring the juice and blending, what adverb would you use? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of the equipment and ingredients Max needs to make his smoothie. Make sure to draw an arrow showing the order in which the ingredients go into the blender.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are teaching someone how to make your favourite sandwich. Write three clear instructions using at least two imperative verbs and two chronological adverbs.