

Max's Magnificent Instruction Manual

Learning objective: To understand the features of instructional texts, including imperative verbs and chronological order.

Read the text below about how to build a mechanical puzzle box. Use the word bank to help you identify the key features. Answer the questions that follow.

How to Build a Sturdy Puzzle Box. You will need: a wooden base, four side panels, and strong glue. 1. Carefully spread the glue along the edges of the base. 2. Press the four side panels firmly against the glued edges. 3. Hold the panels in place for sixty seconds until the glue sets. 4. Finally, place the lid on top to complete your puzzle.

Word bank: Imperative verb · Chronological · Subheading · Bullet point · Adverb

1. Identify two imperative verbs used in the instructions. Explain why imperative verbs are used in this type of text. (2 marks)

2. Why are the numbers used at the start of each step? What is this way of ordering called? (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'Carefully' in step 1. What type of word is this, and why has the author included it? (2 marks)

4. If you were writing these instructions, would you use bullet points for the steps or the ingredients list? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

5. Max wants to add a warning to his instructions. Write a warning sentence he could include to keep the builder safe. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of the puzzle box described in the text, and label the different parts using the vocabulary from the passage.



Extension challenge: Write a short set of instructions for a friend on how to make a perfect jam sandwich. Remember to use at least three imperative verbs and two adverbs to describe how to perform the actions.