

Max's Super Smoothie Recipe Instructions

Learning objective: To identify and use imperative verbs and chronological adverbials in instructional writing.

Read the instructions below written by Max the monkey, then answer the questions to show your understanding of how to write clear, step-by-step guidance.

How to Make Max's Tropical Energy Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- 100g of frozen strawberries
- 200ml of fresh orange juice

Equipment:

- A blender
- A measuring jug
- A tall glass

Method:

1. First, peel the banana and break it into three small pieces.
2. Next, carefully place the banana pieces and the frozen strawberries into the blender jug.
3. Then, pour exactly 200ml of orange juice over the fruit.
4. Secure the lid tightly onto the blender and switch it on for thirty seconds.
5. Finally, pour your delicious smoothie into a glass and enjoy immediately!

Word bank: Imperative verb · Chronological · Adverbial · Sequence · Instruction · Ingredients · Equipment

1. Identify two imperative verbs used in the method section. Explain why they are important for instructions. (2 marks)

2. List the three chronological adverbials used by Max to order his instructions. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max includes a list of 'Equipment' before the 'Method' section? (2 marks)

4. If you wanted to make a double portion, how much orange juice would you need? Show your working. (2 marks)

5. Rewrite step 4 using a different imperative verb that means the same thing as 'Secure'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram showing the equipment you would need if you were following these instructions in a kitchen.



Extension challenge: Write your own set of three instructions for a simple task, such as how to brush your teeth or how to pack your school bag. Remember to use at least one imperative verb and one chronological adverbial in each step!