

# Writing Brilliant Instructions with Max the Monkey

*Learning objective: To use imperative verbs, time conjunctions, and clear steps to write effective instructions.*

Read the guide below, then use the word bank to help you complete the tasks. Max the Monkey has created a guide to help you build a home for his forest friends!

How to Build a Twig Birdhouse: 1. First, collect five sturdy twigs from the forest floor. 2. Carefully place the twigs in a square shape to form the base. 3. Next, use strong string to tie the corners together so they stay firm. 4. Afterwards, attach a small piece of dry moss to the roof to keep it cosy. 5. Finally, secure your birdhouse to a low branch using a piece of twine. Ensure it is hidden safely away from the wind.

*Word bank: First · Next · Afterwards · Finally · Carefully · Gently · Place · Attach · Secure · Step · Ensure · Instructions*

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

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**2. Why do you think Max uses time conjunctions like 'First' and 'Finally' in his guide? (2 marks)**

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**3. According to the text, what should you do with the moss? (1 mark)**

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**4. Why is it important to 'ensure' the birdhouse is hidden from the wind? (2 marks)**

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**5. Rewrite step 3 using a different time conjunction from the word bank. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a labelled diagram of your own forest invention, using arrows to show the direction of your steps.



*Extension challenge: Max has a challenge for you! Write a set of three instructions on how to make a perfect cup of hot chocolate, remembering to include at least one adverb to describe how the reader should perform the action.*