WALT: Identify the features of an instruction Text.

#### WILF:

- Identify the different features of an instructive text.
- Highlight vocabulary types used.
  + Magpie ideas for vocabulary.



#### Instructions

Instructions tell us how do to something.

There are many different types of instructions. Some examples include:

- recipes;
- directions;
- how to play a game;
- how to make or build something;
- how to repair something;
- or how to look after/care for something.

#### Can you think of any more examples?



## **Features of Instruction Writing**

Regardless of their purpose, instructions share many of the same features:

• An introduction to explain what the end result will be (what the instructions will help the reader to do). This will usually include questions to engage the reader.

• A list of things the reader will need, such as ingredients for a recipe, materials for a building project or equipment for a craft activity.

• An outline of the method needed to complete the task (usually in chronological order).



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- Imperative verbs are usually used within the method to 'boss' the reader around!
- Conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs to show time, place and cause should be used throughout, e.g. After that, Inside the box, As soon as it has melted, etc.
- Extra tips and advice may be given to the reader for especially tricky parts of a task.
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- A conclusion to sum up the task and help the reader check that they have achieved the correct outcome.

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Layout devices will also be used to structure and organise the text. These may include headings and subheadings, underlining, bold or italic text, bullet points and numbers.

#### How to Care for a Mouskin

Read the instructions on how to care for a Mouskin. 'Week 3. English. Monday Instructions Example' What features of an instruction text can you spot? Box them up and explain why they are useful.

Use the 'Week 3 - English - Instructions Checklist' to help you.

Bonus: Is there any vocabulary you think is interesting? Make a note of it.



