

What we already know

- Phonics - familiar sound and letters
- Fiction - plot structure and character development

Stage 1 and 2 English: Non-Fiction: Instructional Texts

What's next

- Non-fiction stage 3 and 4 - information/non-chronological reports

English Golden Concepts

Reading: Fluency

Reading: Comprehension

Speaking and Listening

Writing Transcription

Writing Composition

What is non-fiction?

Non-fiction is a genre of writing that is based on facts, real people, or actual events.

An instruction text is a piece of non-fiction texts that give clear, step-by-step instructions on how to complete a task.

Key Vocabulary

Noun	A word for the general name of an object, a place, or a person. For example: <i>spoon, scissors, flour, glue</i>
Imperative verb	A verb that gives a command or instruction. For example: <i>mix, cut, write, fold, stir.</i>
Adjectives	A word that describes a noun. For example: <i>shiny, red, soft, heavy.</i>
Adverbs	A word or phrase that describes or modifies a verb. For example: <i>carefully, quickly, slowly, neatly.</i>
Time conjunction	A word that shows when something happens, often used to order instructions. For example: <i>first, next, after that, finally.</i>

What are instructional texts?

Instruction texts can range from recipes to board game instructions or how to complete a video game.

It is important to provide easy to follow instructions which use simple language and provide information on what to do in chronological order.

Examples of instruction texts:

- A recipe that instructs you on how to cook or bake something.
- A leaflet that gives you instructions to follow - for example, instructions for how to vote or to post something.
- An instruction manual that will help you set up an appliance or build something, like a piece of furniture.

Common features of an instruction text:

- Title which shows what the text is about
- Sub-headings to break the text into clear sections
- A clear list of equipment or ingredients that are needed
- Simple steps for each action in the method
- Imperative (bossy) verbs telling the reader what to do
- Bullet point or numbers for each step
- Chronological order and use of time connectives, like 'then' and 'next'
- Adverbs for how the action should be done
- Technical vocabulary which is specific to the task
- Diagrams or illustrations with labels.
- Formal, impersonal tone

Imperative verbs

These are a type of verb that instruct another person to do something. Here are some more examples of an instruction text:

- "Put the cake mix in the oven."
- "Open the board and give each player a card."
- "Insert the disc, then press play."

