



Instructions

Instruction Text Features Key

	Title which shows what the text is about. It may begin "How to..."
	Sub-headings to break the text into clear sections.
	An opening sentence which encourages the reader to have a go.
	A clear list of equipment or ingredients needed.
	Simple steps for each action in the method.
	Imperative (bossy) verbs telling the reader what to do.
	Bullet points or numbers for each step.
	Adverbs for how the actions should be done.
	Chronological order and time conjunctions .
	Technical vocabulary which is specific to the task.
	Diagrams or illustrations with labels .
	Formal, impersonal tone.
	Closing statement which shows or describes what the reader has achieved.



An example of an instructional text

How to Make a Papier Mâché Globe

Are you learning about the continents of the world? Read on to discover how to make a papier mâché globe of your own to help you to remember them.

You will need:

a round balloon

lots of strips of newspaper about 2cm wide

a bowl of water and flour mixture (one cup of flour and two cups of water)

an atlas

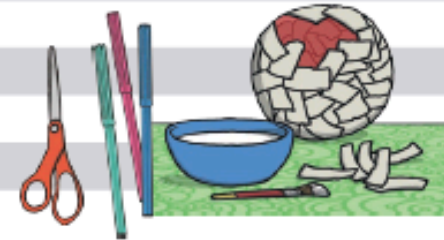
a continents of the world sheet

some blue paint and paintbrush

a pack of felt tip pens

a pair of scissors

some glue



1. First of all, blow up the balloon gently. Don't let it burst.
2. Ask a grown-up to help you tie the balloon if it is tricky.
3. Dip the strips of newspaper in the flour and water mix and slowly wrap the strips all around the balloon until it is covered.
4. Cover the balloon at least three or four times.
5. Leave the balloon to go solid. Place it in a warm, dry place.
6. Next, paint the whole globe blue to show the water.
7. Leave to dry.
8. Colour in the seven continents neatly on the activity sheet.
9. Cut out the continents but be careful with the scissors.
10. Stick the continents in the right position on the globe. Use an atlas to help you if you are unsure.
11. Label the oceans and carefully draw the line of the equator. Finally, label the continents of North America, South America, Africa, Antarctica, Australasia, Europe and Asia.

You could write instructions such as:

- Your favourite recipe
- How to create craft projects
- How to draw
- How to play a game

