

Read the set of instructions below. Analyse the vocabulary that has been used.



## How to Create an Elf House

Have you ever wondered where elves relax when they are not in the North Pole? Many elves can behave quite mischievously during the festive period while exploring people's houses; therefore, follow these handy step-by-step instructions to create a cosy elf house for them to rest and unwind and prevent them from being homesick.

### You will need:

- a shoe box
- wrapping paper or brown paper
- felt-tip pens (optional)
- scissors
- glue

- glitter or sequins (optional)
- soft fabric, such as fleece or velour
- cotton wool
- a selection of sweet treats

### Method:

1. Firstly, prior to starting, ensure that you have permission from a teacher, parent or carer to build your elf house before gathering all the equipment that you will need.
2. Next, take a shoe box and carefully measure the right amount of wrapping paper to cover it. Alternatively, use brown paper as an eco-friendly substitute and decorate it by drawing festive-themed pictures with felt-tip pens; it is important that the paper is eye-catching to the elf.
3. After that, carefully use scissors to cut out the required amount of paper.

4. Once you have cut the paper, use glue to stick it to the shoe box, ensuring that the edges are firmly stuck in place.
5. At this point, if you wish, decorate the house using glitter and sequins (sparkly items are thought to remind the elves of Christmas decorations in the North Pole). It is recommended that you use a liberal amount of glue when adding these items.
6. Then, use scissors to cut several rectangular pieces of your choice of soft fabric. Place these inside the shoe box to provide a comfortable place for the elf to sit or lie down. Additionally, dot cotton wool inside the box; this provides a sense of familiarity to the elves who liken this to snowballs.
7. Finally, entice the elf to the house by displaying a selection of delicious, sweet treats inside; candy canes, gingerbread and chocolate coins have proved to be popular with elves due to their high sugar content.

### Now, your elf house is complete!

**Warning:** Although this provides elves with a safe space to relax, it cannot guarantee that their mischievous behaviour will cease.

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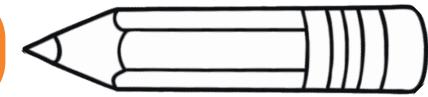
1. Ask permission from a teacher, parent or carer to build your elf house. Gather your equipment.
2. Take a shoe box and measure wrapping paper to cover. You could also use brown paper and decorate it by drawing pictures with felt-tip pens.
3. Use scissors to cut the paper.
4. Use glue to stick the paper to the shoe box.
5. Decorate the house using glitter and sequins if you wish. Use lots of glue when adding these items.

6. Use scissors to cut pieces of soft fabric. Place these inside the shoe box so that the elf can sit or lie down. Add cotton wool inside the box.

7. Put sweet treats inside the house.

**Your elf house is complete!**

# Instructions



## Do your instructions include...

organisational devices to structure the writing?	
an introduction with questions to interest the reader?	
a list of equipment, ingredients or what is needed?	
a method or list of steps in chronological order?	
imperative verbs?	
time conjunctions and adverbs to clarify steps?	
bullet points or numbers?	
accurate descriptions and technical language?	
tips and extra advice for the reader?	
modal verbs and prepositions?	
a conclusion directed at the reader?	

## Time Conjunctions

First,	Now,	Finally,
When,	Then,	Afterwards,
After that,		Once completed,
Next,	Before,	As soon as,
While,		

## Word Bank

how to	organise	release	heat
collect	replace	fasten	process
prepare	utensils	because	divide
repeat	complete	whether	along
use	gather	mix	arrange
measure	tools	cut	place
attach	hold	chop	
begin	grip	stir	

## Examples of Prepositions within Instructions

Carefully, fold **over** one side...

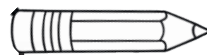
Slowly, stir the spice **into**...

Neatly, glue the stars **onto**...

Tuck the sides **under** each other completely...

Twist the pipe cleaner **around** the pencil delicately...

Gently, push the string **through**...

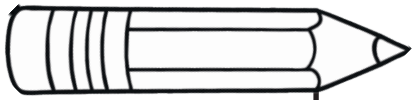


## Modal Verbs

should	would	could	may	.....
.....	must	can	will	might

## Adverbs

- Thoroughly,...
- **Gently**,...
- Carefully,...
- **Safely**,...
- Neatly,...
- **Slowly**,...
- Quickly,...
- **Cautiously**,...
- Easily,...
- **Repeatedly**,...
- Frequently,...
- **Regularly**,...
- Completely,...
- **Delicately**,...
- Significantly,...
- **Often**,...



## Key Features

organisational devices to structure the writing

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a method or list of steps

imperative verbs

time conjunctions

adverbs

## How to Make a Saucy Summer Spaghetti

Are you tired of serving the same old pasta for dinner every week? Would you like to try a different pasta dish that isn't too complicated? If you are saying, "Yes please!" then this is the spaghetti for you.

Why not gather up all the ingredients in this recipe and make it for your family or friends this week? Just follow these simple instructions and you never know: you **might** have just found your new favourite meal!

### You will need:

- a sharp knife
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- a cutting board
- 150g pancetta or bacon
- a food processor (optional)
- 1 onion
- a large, deep skillet or saucepan
- 1 clove of garlic
- a large saucepan or pasta pan
- 500g cherry tomatoes
- a wooden spoon
- 1 tsp sugar
- a rubber spatula or similar utensil
- 1 tbsp herbs de provence
- 350g dried spaghetti
- parmesan cheese (optional)

### Method:

1. First, **boil** the spaghetti **slowly** in a large **saucepan** (or pasta pan if you have one) for 8-10 minutes. It **should** be **al dente** or still firm **when** you bite it.
2. **While** the spaghetti is cooking, **heat** the olive oil **gently** in a large **skillet**.
3. Next, **safely chop** the pancetta and onion into small pieces or cubes and **mince** the garlic. You **may** want to **place** the onion **in** the refrigerator for 15 minutes **before** this to stop it from making your eyes water.
4. **After that**, **add** the pancetta, onion and garlic **into** the skillet and **cook cautiously** for 4-5 minutes. **Watch** out for hot oil!
5. **When** the onion is **soft and translucent**, **stir** in the tomatoes, sugar and herbs **carefully**. Cook for 4-6 minutes, **stirring often**, until the tomatoes **start to burst**.
6. **Now**, **drain** the pasta **completely**, setting a cup of the pasta water **to** the side for later. Add the pasta to the skillet and **toss repeatedly** until **well blended**. If the mixture is too thick, **pour** in some spaghetti water and stir. **Sprinkle** parmesan cheese **over** the top if you like. **Serve immediately**.

Now, you are ready for a new and tasty dining experience.

**Soon**, you **will** be exploring more recipes like this one to add to your collection.

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