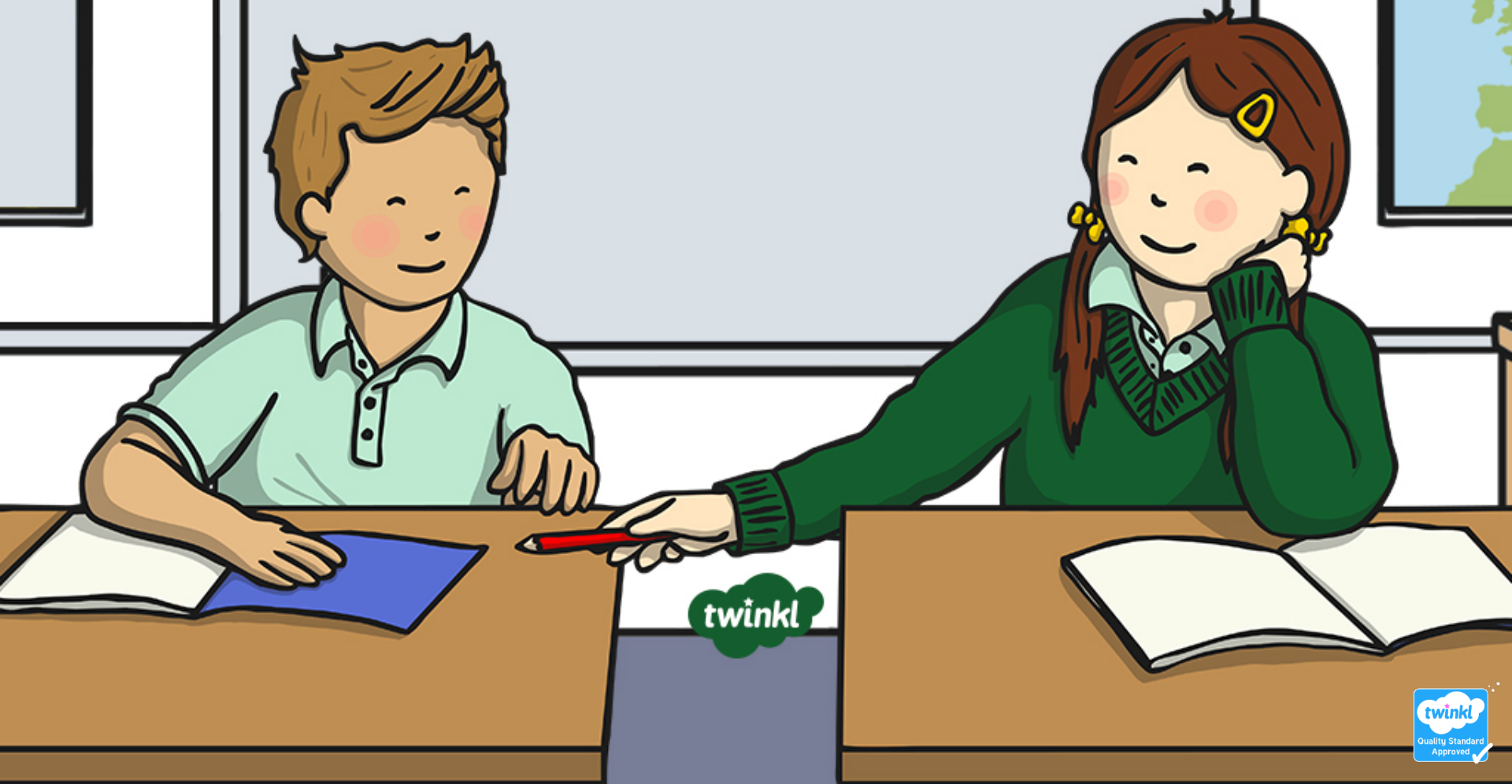


# Writing Instructions



# Instructions

Instructions are written for someone who needs to know how to do something.



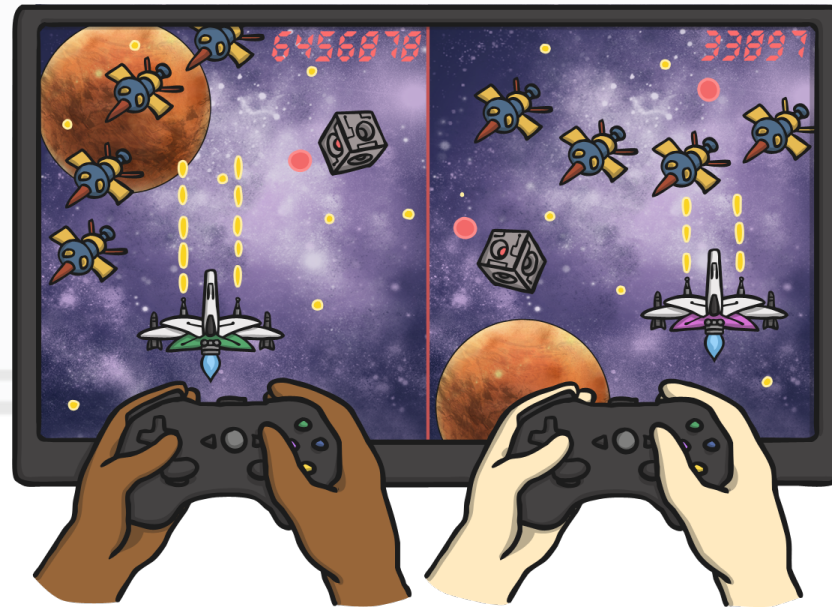
# **What are instructions for?**

**Some examples...**

# Recipes



# 'How to play a game'



**‘How to make a...’**



# How to Write Instructions

1. Have a title and a list of things you need.
2. Use **imperative verbs** (bossy verbs) for example 'put', 'spread', 'chop', 'take'. It's a 'doing word' but it sounds like you are bossing somebody around.
3. Use **time conjunctions** (time words) for example first, second, next, then, after that, finally.
4. Bullet point or number each instruction in a list
  - Put...
  - Take
  - Mix...or
  - 1. Put...
  - 2. Take
  - 3. Mix...
5. Short sentences are better!



# Time conjunctions

They help us put things in order.

First

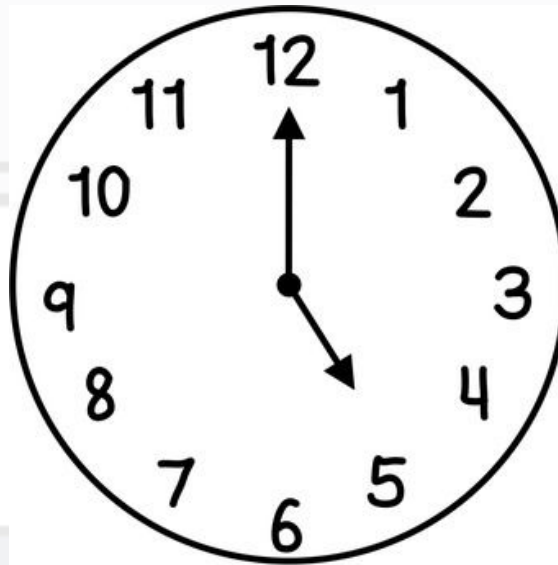
Second

Then

Next

After That

Finally.





# Bossy verbs (imperative verbs)

- A verb is a doing word.
- A bossy verb makes a sentence bossy!  
Use Miss Bossy to help you remember!
- It makes something an order or command.
- They are direct, short and sharp.

E.g.

- **Line up** for assembly.
- **Stop** at the traffic lights.
- **Mix** the flour and eggs together.



**Task: play 'Miss Bossy' or 'Simon Says'. You will use bossy verbs without even realising!**

# Can you find the bossy verb?

First, list the ingredients for the recipe.

Jump on the spot.

Next, cut along the dotted line.

Stick the picture in the middle of the card.

*The answers are on the next slide*

# Can you find the bossy verb?

First, **put** the ingredients in a bowl.

Then, **jump** on the spot.

Next, **cut** along the dotted line.

Finally, **stick** the picture in the middle of the card.

*The answers are in red*

**Where do the bossy verbs go in the sentence?**  
After the time word (after the time conjunction)

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or

First, lift the lid of the box.

Gently remove the pie from the oven.

or

Remove the pie from the oven

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*Answers in red.*

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- Soil
- Seeds
- Watering can
- Water

## List of what you need



## What you do:

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- Then, add water to the soil.
- Next, put 1 or 2 seeds onto the soil.
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## Bossy verbs

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# Your turn! Have a go at this sheet.

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OLI: to write instructions using bossy verbs.

Imperative verbs are also known as 'bossy verbs' because they tell people what to do! e.g. shut the window or turn the kettle on.

Colour in the bossy verbs! You can read the words to your child to help them.

Remember a verb is a doing word.



shut	filthy	chair	turn	gold
lovely	mix	unhappy	close	stairs

Look at the sentences below. Can you think of some bossy verbs that could go at the beginning to make an instruction? Read the sentences to your child first to help them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ the door, there's a draught.
- \_\_\_\_\_ off the light please.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the milk into the glass.
- \_\_\_\_\_ on a coat before you go out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ left at the traffic lights.

Bossy verbs give instructions- they tell people what to do. Can you play Simon Says with your family giving instructions? Each time you give an instruction, you will use a bossy verb. Think about what word in the instruction is the bossy verb.



Extension: Write some of your Simon Says instructions, underlining the bossy verb.

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