Instructions Knowledge Organiser
Year 3

What should I already know?

- How to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops mostly correctly.
- How to join two sentences together using 'and'.
  Layout – Title, You will need and Method
- How to layout an instruction text correctly
- How to write an introduction including a question
- How to write clear sentences that make sense

What will I know by the end of this year?

- To use higher level conjunctions (because, if, when, but, so, or)
- To use time adverbials
- To use adverbs to describe
- To use expanded noun phrases
- To use commas in a list
- To use the correct tense
- Proofreading
- Editing
- Rewriting

What a good one looks like!

Y3 Instructions: Example Text
Annotated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Features

All Text: uses the full range of spelling, grammar and punctuation features that have been taught in previous year groups, including adjectives within noun phrases, singular possessive apostrophes and commas in list sentences

All Text: uses the correct tense consistently

[1] uses the present perfect tense

[2] chooses to use nouns or pronouns appropriately, e.g. he, she, they, it

[3] uses a or an correctly

[4] uses simple layout devices in non-fiction, e.g. headings and sub-headings.

[5] uses conjunctions to express time, place and cause, e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because, etc.

[6] uses adverbs to express time, place and cause, e.g. then, next, soon, therefore...

[7] uses prepositions to express time, place and cause, e.g. before, after, during, in, because of, etc.

How to Wash Your Elephant[1]

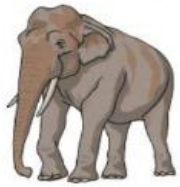
Has your elephant rolled in mud?[1]
Elephants need to be kept clean or they can often[15] become unhealthy[14/12]. Use this handy set of instructions to ensure you keep your pet[2] squeaky clean.

Equipment[4]

- an[3] extra long hosepipe (at least 10 metres[11])
- a[3] set of step ladders
- a[3] large sweeping brush with stiff bristles
- a[3] bottle of elephant shampoo
- a[3] pair of elephant nail clippers
- a[3] sheet of sand paper
- a[3] feather duster

Method[4]

1. **Firstly**[5], prepare your elephant for their bathing session in an[3] area with plenty of space. Make sure that your animal[2] is calm, well-fed and content. It may help to tickle their[24/11] tummies to relax them[2] if[5] they[2] are nervous about getting wet[9].
2. **Next**[5], prop up the step ladders beside[7] your pet[2] otherwise[5] it is impossible[24/13] to reach the top of their body. Climb the ladders carefully[10] as[5] you carry the hosepipe[2]. Use lukewarm water to completely[10] soak your elephant's skin.
3. **After that**[5], squeeze a whole[15] bottle of elephant shampoo onto[7] the animal's[2] back. Use the sweeping brush to reach up and scrub every part of their[2] dirty skin. Start at their[2] back and work downwards[7] to their[2] feet.
4. **Afterwards**[5], rinse them[2] off until[5] all of the soap suds are gone. Be very careful[10] not to let any of the shampoo drip into[7] your pet's[2] eyes as[5] the pain[11] could cause them[2] to suddenly[10] charge at[7] you[4].
5. **Now**[5], you need to make your elephant lie down. A[3] tasty bun may be helpful[10] to convince them[2] to go down to[7] the ground. Use the sand paper to file the dead skin from[7] the bottom of their[2] feet and the nail clippers to trim their[24/11] toenails. As a result[5], you should watch out for sharp bits of flying elephant toenail!
6. **Finally**[5], you need to gently[10] clean your elephant's nostrils and ears using the feather duster. This can be very dangerous[10]. Move quickly[10] away from[7] your elephant's trunk if[5] they[2] begin to shake or start to breathe[15] more heavily[8]. You do not want to be in the firing line of a powerful[10] elephant sneeze.



Enjoy your spotlessly[16/12] clean mammal[3] but keep a close eye on them[2] near[7] any muddy puddles!

[8] uses subordinate clauses

[9] spells words with prefixes correctly, e.g. unhappy, misheard

[10] spells words with suffixes correctly, e.g. helpful, kindness

[11] spells homophones correctly, e.g. which and witch

[12] uses knowledge of word families to help with their spelling

[13] spells some of the year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words correctly

Instruction Writing Toolkit

- Title
- Introduction
- You will need/equipment
- Bullet points
- Commas in a list
- Method
- Time adverbials – first, next, then
- Adverbs – slowly, carefully, quickly
- Imperative verbs – cut, pour, open
- Correct use of question marks
- Sentences make sense
- Correct tense
- Expanded noun phrases
- Using phonics and spelling knowledge

Prior learning

- Gingerbread men (Y2)
- Card making (Y2)
- Jam sandwich (Y2)

Good authors to read for inspiration

- Recipes
- 'How to' texts
- Non- fiction texts
- Fact files

https://www.literacywagoll.com/instructions.html