

Make Your Writing Sparkle! Year 5 & 6

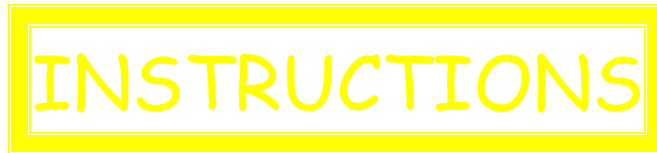
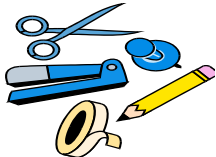
Text Structure

- Title - How to...
- Materials and equipment listed.
- Sequenced steps to achieve the goal.
- Use diagrams and drawings to help.

Sentence / Word Level

Features

- Write instructions in order.
- Use numbers or bullet points to show order.
- Use time connectives eg first, next...
- Use short, clear sentences.
- Use imperative verbs eg Cut, take, place...
- Use 'you' rather than 'I'.



Making the Text Interesting

- Interest the reader eg *This is a game everyone loves...*
- Who are the instructions for ? Think about the reader and their understanding.
- Be clear about what needs to be done and in what order.
- You may say when these instructions are needed, eg *If your computer breaks down...* or for whom it is best suited, eg *Young children may enjoy this game...*
- Make the instructions sound easy eg *You are only four simple steps away...*
- Use adjectives and adverbs only when needed.
- Finish by saying how useful or how much fun this will be.

Get someone else to read your instructions - Can they follow and use them successfully ?