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What type of language do we need for instructions?

- o clear
- o precise
- o imperative verbs
- ochronological order

Watch this clip to see how a real igloo is made (link is on the Year6 homelearning page.

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=R-x5QOSqP3E

The following slides show you 2 things you can do in an emergency on the mountains. Look carefully at the language used - can you spot all the imperative verbs? Does the language make it clear to understand and easy to follow?

Survival Skills: Igloo





- 1) Pack down the base by stamping down with your feet. It should be large enough for 4 people to sleep comfortably.
- 2) Cut blocks of snow 60cms by 40cms by 15cms from nearby.
- 3) Build the bottom row of the igloo, adjusting the blocks and filling in the cracks from inside. If there are 2 people, one on each side speeds up the process.
- 4) Cut the second row of blocks bevelled at the bottom so the layer begins to slant inward toward the middle. The person inside must work carefully to prevent the blocks from falling.
- 5) Fill the hole at the top with one single block to complete the igloo.
- 6) Dig downwards into the floor to enlarge the inner chamber.
- 7) Cut an entrance below the height of the main chamber.
- 8) Poke ventilation holes in one or two places for air circulation.













Survival Skills: Snow Cave



A snow cave can mean the difference between life and death during a storm, but digging one requires not just know-how but the right conditions: deep snow, a steep slope, and snow of the right consistency for digging.



1) Dig an entrance large enough for a climber to crawl through. It should be about 1 metre deep, and dug directly into the slope. The entrance should be lower than the main chamber to prevent winds from blowing into the cave.



Cut the main chamber inwards, upwards, and to the sides of the portal. Do not dig down. The outer walls should be no less than 30cms thick.



3) Push the snow to the doorway; another climber can shovel the snow from the doorway to the outside of the cave.



- 3) Continue digging until there is enough room for the group to either lie down, sit down or stand.
- 4) Stab a ventilation hole in the roof of the cave with an ice axe.
- 5) Place blocks of snow in the doorway (when all occupants are inside) to stop wind from entering the cave.

LO: To create photographs for a step-by-step instructional guide

Over the next few days, you are going to create a step-by-step instructional guide of your own for one of these survival skills.

First you will need to choose one of the survival skills.

Next, you are going to create your own model showing the survival skill you have chosen. This is where you can get creative and use what ever resources/materials you have available at home.

Here are a few examples of what you could use, but remember, it depends on what you have at home:

- Lego
- Clay
- Play doh
- Blocks
- Stones

While you are making your model, you will need to take a photo of the main steps, which will be used for your written instructions later in the week.

Aim to have 5 photographs which show the main stages of your survival process

Top tip: take more pictures than you need, then you can choose the best ones at the end.

When you have finished, you need to have 5 non-blurry shots that show the step-by-step process of how you made the model.









