

Survival Skills

Instructions



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LO: To write with purpose



Success Criteria

*I can use
imperative
verbs for
instructions*

*I can use
precise topic
language*

*I can break
down a process
into
chronological
steps*



Today we are going to write the first draft of our instructional paragraphs that will go with our step-by-step photographs from yesterday.

Quick recap from Monday: what language features do we need to use?

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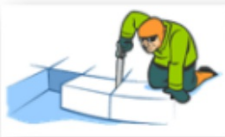


- clear
- precise
- imperative verbs
- chronological order

How can we up-level this?

Read through these simple instructions and take ideas and vocabulary that you could include in your own writing.

Survival Skills: Igloo



A well built igloo can withstand the force of strong hurricane winds.



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.

* *bevelled = sloping (not a right angle)*



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.



2) **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.

In your home-learning book collect ideas and vocabulary that you can use when writing your own instructions.

Words and phrases to include:

Topic vocabulary

Openers

Imperatives

Conjunctions

Your task today: Write your first draft of your instructions

Using the key vocabulary, that you have collected, write a short paragraph for each step explaining what to do. Remember to use imperative language (instructions) and specific, topic vocabulary.

Refer to the vocabulary that you have collected already.

Even though you are writing instructions, each section should be a paragraph and show a Year 6 standard of writing that should include:

- full stops to separate sentences
- commas to develop ideas within sentences
- brackets to include specific detail (e.g. measurements) or extra information
- colons to introduce a list
- semi-colons to link to main clauses that are related to each other
- dashes to tag some extra information on - maybe a reminder

Accurate spellings of topic words, especially those that are on the sheets.

Care with presentation and handwriting. Ensure it is neat and joined up!

✱ For this task, we would like you to complete this task using pen/pencil so you ✱
have an opportunity to practice your handwriting.

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Introduction

If you find yourself in danger on the mountainside, you might need to build yourself an igloo to shelter inside. This is a step-by-step guide of how to create one:

1) Pack down the ice so you have a good sized area for the base. You can do this by stamping your feet on the ground to make it flat and even. Ideally it needs to be able to house 4 people comfortably; you may need to be in there a few days.

2) Cut into blocks of solid snow (40 x 60cm approximately) from the nearby area. It is a good idea to create a plenty of blocks before you start building, to ease the process and enable you to keep building fluently.

