

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH WRITING INSTRUCTIONS

- * Read the instructions for a household appliance.
- * Discuss real life examples of instructions.
- * Read the instructions and play a game.
- * Write instruction to care for the family pet.
- * Write instructions for how to set the video.
- * Write the directions to your house.
- * Encourage your child to proofread their writing carefully.
- * Use plenty of praise and encouragement.
- * Make writing fun. Write some instructions together!

Stow Primary School

Helping with Writing



Functional Writing Instructions Second Level (2)

Suitable
title

Making Potato Prints

Materials you need:

- * A knife
- * Brush
- * Paint
- * Paper
- * Potato
- * Water



Follow this process:

- 1 Place the potato on a safe surface for cutting.
- 2 Carefully cut the potato in half.
- 3 Put one potato half to the side.
- 4 Blot the potato half on paper to dry the surface.
- 5 Cut a pattern into the flat side of the potato.
- 6 a) Either cut a pattern or shape into the potato
b) or cut the potato away to make the shape stand out.
- 7 Brush some thick paint evenly onto the potato.
- 8 Press the potato firmly down on the paper.
- 9 Repeat steps 7 and 8.

Variations

You could:

- * Make a border
- * Print rows across the paper
- * Print randomly over the paper

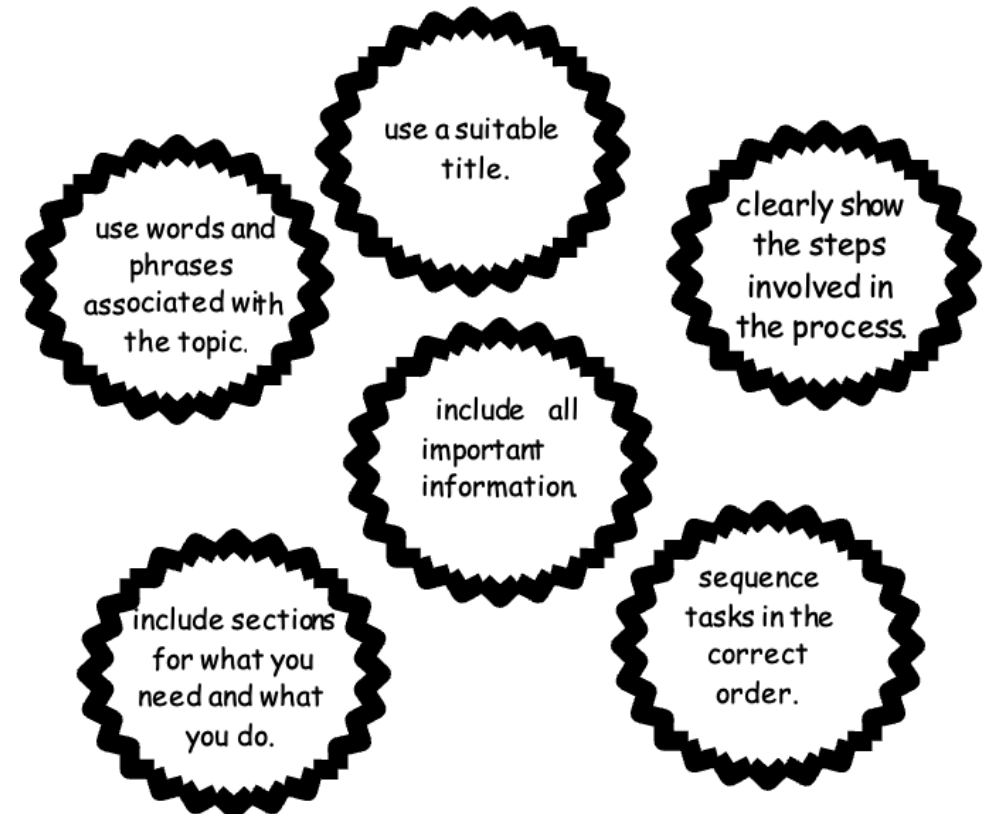
REMEMBER TO PUT MORE PAINT ON WHEN THE PAINT GETS FAINT.

Different
sections

Clear
linked
actions

Words/
phrases
reflect the
task

When writing instructions children learn to:



Tools for Writing

- * Use correct punctuation, full stops, commas, questions marks and try to use exclamation marks, dashes, brackets and apostrophes, etc.
- * Accurate spelling of most common and familiar words.
- * Use different joining words e.g. but, then, so, that, although, besides, until, because.
- * Vary sentence beginnings and length.
- * Use neat and accurate handwriting.