Make Your Writing Sparkle! Year 3 & 4

Text Structure

- Title How to...
- Materials and equipment listed.
- Sequence 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'.



INSTRUCTIONS



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.
- Make the instructions sound easy eg You are only four simple steps away...
- 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?