Year 5 English

Week Beginning 27.04.2020

Instructions 1

When we write instructions we need to use a special kind of verb, called an **imperative verb**. This is the word in the sentence that tells us what to do. I have highlighted the imperative verbs in these sentences.

1. Shake the can of paint for at least one minute.
2. Carefully pour the chocolate sauce over the ice cream.
3. When you are close enough, kick the ball towards the goal.

Can you see that these words are the ones that tell the reader exactly what needs to be done?

Below are a set of instructions. Can you underline or highlight all of the imperative verbs? Sometimes an instruction contains more than one.

1. Fill the kettle with enough water for two cups.
2. Press the switch on the kettle to heat the water.
3. While the water is boiling, find two tea bags and put them into the cups.
4. When the water has boiled, carefully pour it into the cups.
5. Get the milk from the fridge and pour it into the cups with the water and tea bag.
6. If the person would like sugar, stir it in now.
7. Finally, take out the tea bag and present the refreshing drink to your customer!

Challenge

Apart from the imperative verbs, what other grammatical technique have I used to help the reader follow the instructions properly?

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