

ENGLISH · GRADES 2–3

# Writing Instructions

How to tell someone HOW to do something

## Five rules for great instructions

- 1) Use IMPERATIVE verbs — start each step with the action. 'Add', 'Stir', 'Cut', 'Wait'. 2) NUMBER the steps. 3) Be SPECIFIC — 'a cup of flour' beats 'some flour'. 4) Use TIME WORDS — first, then, next, finally. 5) Keep each step SHORT.

**Title — How to \_\_\_\_\_**

Pick something you can teach: tie your laces, make a paper boat, brush a dog, plant a seed.

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## What you'll need

List every item or ingredient. Be specific about quantities.

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