

ENGLISH · Y2

Instructions — Year 2

WAGOLL: How to Make a Paper Aeroplane

The Model Text

HOW TO MAKE A PAPER AEROPLANE Making a paper aeroplane is fun and easy. Here is everything you need to know! You will need: • one piece of A4 paper • a flat table • your hands

What to do: 1. First, place the paper on the table so the long side is in front of you. 2. Next, fold the paper in half, the long way. Make sure the edges line up. 3. Open the paper out flat again. You should now see a line down the middle. 4. Then, fold the top two corners down so they meet in the middle. This will make a triangle shape at the top. 5. After that, fold the new triangle edges down to the middle line again. 6. Finally, fold the whole plane in half along the middle line. Bend down each side to make the wings. Now you are ready to fly! Hold the plane gently and throw it forward. Have fun watching it glide through the air!

Notated features

What makes this a strong Y2 instruction?

- TITLE: tells you exactly what the instructions are for
- INTRODUCTION: short, friendly, says what you will achieve
- 'YOU WILL NEED' LIST: with bullet points
- NUMBERED STEPS: easy to follow in order
- IMPERATIVE VERBS (bossy verbs): 'place,' 'fold,' 'open,' 'bend,' 'throw'
- TIME CONNECTIVES: 'First,' 'Next,' 'Then,' 'After that,' 'Finally'
- CLEAR LANGUAGE: short sentences, no long words



- ADVERBS: 'gently' (how to throw)
- ENCOURAGING ENDING: tells you what to do once you've finished
- PRESENT TENSE: instructions are always present tense

Writing prompt

Write instructions for one of these: how to make a sandwich, how to brush your teeth, how to play a simple game, or how to do something you know well. Include: a title, a 'You will need' list, at least 4 numbered steps, time connectives ('First,' 'Next,' 'Finally'), and bossy verbs at the start of each step.

