

Procedural Writing



What is a Procedural Text?



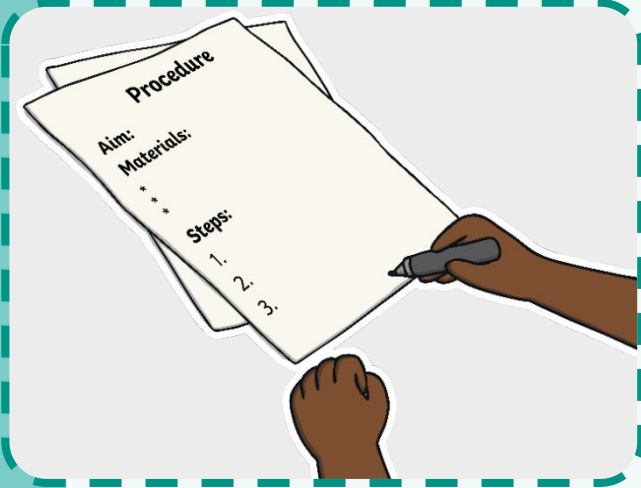
A procedural text is a factual text. It tells you how to do or make something, with step by step instructions or directions.

Writing a procedural text is a great way to teach others how to make or do something.

Features of a Procedural Text

A procedural text...

- *tells the reader **how to** do something*
- *includes a goal or aim*
- *lists the required materials and equipment needed to carry out the goal*
- *includes a clear sequence of steps to help the reader achieve the goal, such as instructions or directions, which are often numbered*



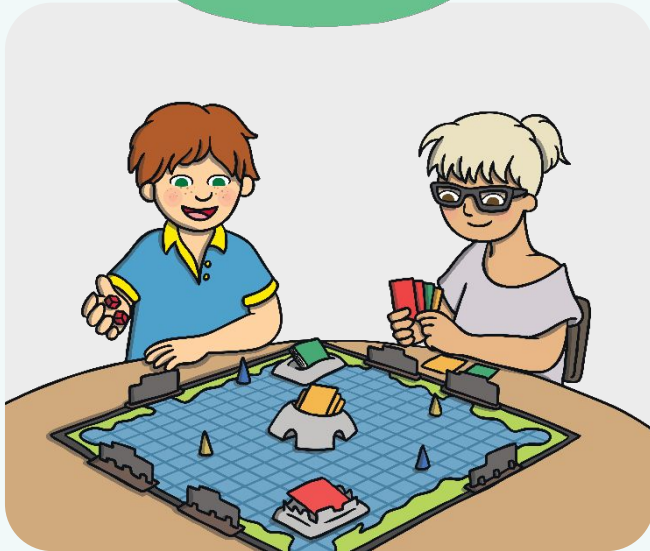
Language of a Procedural Text

The language used to write a procedural text should include...

- *verbs (doing or command words)*
- *vocabulary that is specific to the subject of the procedure*
- *present tense*
- *adverbs and adverbial phrases to indicate **how**, **where** and **when***



Types of Procedural Texts



- *recipes*
- *rules of games*
- *a science experiment*
- *directions that tell you how to get from place to place*
- *craft or DIY instructions*
- *instruction manual*
- *safety procedures*

Example

How to Make a Chocolate Milkshake

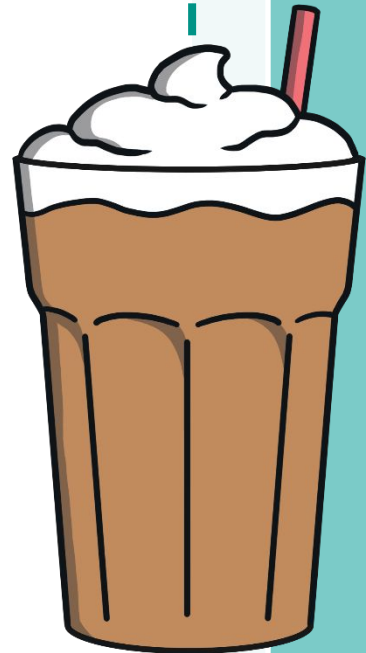
Aim (Goal): Follow these instructions to make a delicious chocolate milkshake.

Materials and Equipment:

- 1 cup of milk
- 1 scoop of ice cream
- 2 big squirts of chocolate topping
- 1 big drinking glass
- blender

Steps:

1. Plug the blender into the power point and switch the power point on.
2. Add the ice cream, milk and topping to the blender.
3. Put the lid on the blender, make sure it's on nice and tight.
4. Turn the blender on and blend the ingredients, on high speed, for 30 seconds.
5. Remove the blender lid and carefully pour the milkshake into the big drinking glass.
6. Enjoy your delicious chocolate milkshake!



Example

How to Build a Sandcastle

Aim (Goal): Follow these instructions to build a sandcastle.

Materials and Equipment:

- bucket
- spade
- sand (not too dry, needs to be a little bit wet)
- shells
- seaweed

Steps:

1. Fill your bucket to the top with sand.
2. Pack down the sand so that the bucket is nice and full and smooth on top.
3. Quickly flip the bucket upside down, try not to spill any sand out of the bucket as you do this.
4. Gently tap the bucket before carefully pulling it upwards, off the sandcastle.
5. Use the seaweed and shells to decorate the sandcastle however you like.



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