

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the internet.

1. Read the *Instructions for Playing Noughts and Crosses*

- Were the instructions easy to understand? Why? Or why not?
- Follow the instructions and play a few games of noughts and crosses against someone at home. Who won?

2. Get familiar with the key features of sets of instructions

- Read and discuss the *Key Features of Sets of Instructions*.
- Use different coloured pens to circle all the listed features you can find on the *Instructions for Playing Noughts and Crosses*.

3. Write a set of instructions

Get ready to write a set of instructions for brushing your teeth.

- You can use the *Instructions template* or – for a challenge – just use lined paper.
- Keep referring to the *Key Features* to check that your instructions are really good.

Now Try These Fun-Time Extras

- Read the instructions for other games you have at home.
- Reorder the jumbled instructions for *How to get ready for sleep*.
- Follow the *Instructions for drawing a pigeon*. Send your picture to a relative and explain what you did.
- Follow a recipe's instructions to make something yummy in the kitchen.

Instructions for Playing Noughts and Crosses

Aim: Draw three in a row!

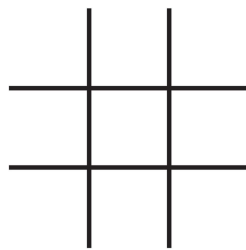
Equipment:

Pens or pencils

Paper

Instructions:

- First, draw a simple grid like this on a piece of paper



- Next, choose one player to begin
- Then let that player decide to be either noughts (O) or crosses (X).
- Now take it in turns to draw either a nought or a cross somewhere on the grid
- Keep going in turn until....

...someone has three of their shapes in a row!

The Key Features of Sets of Instructions

They have a clear **title**

They say what the instructions are **for**

They give a **list of the equipment** you need

Set out the instructions in order using **numbers** or **bullet points**

The instruction sentences begin with **sequence** or **order** words (first, next, then, finally)

The instruction sentences have **bossy doing words** (verbs) near or at the start

Some instruction sentences have **exclamation marks (!)**

Instructions template

Aim:

Equipment:



A large rectangular area with a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces. The interior is divided into eight horizontal lines, providing space for writing or drawing.

Instructions



A large, empty rectangular area with horizontal lines, intended for writing instructions. The area is framed by a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces in shades of blue, yellow, orange, and red.

How to get ready for sleep

Afterwards, listen to a bedtime story.

Next, brush your teeth and hair.

After that, snuggle into bed and cuddle your favourite soft toy.

First, undress and put your clothes in a neat pile.

Finally, let an adult turn off the light so you can go to sleep.

Then, enjoy a hot bath or shower.

Then, put on clean pyjamas.

How to get ready for sleep

How to draw a picture of a pigeon

You will need:

- A pencil
- Some paper

1. First draw a circle near the top of your paper a bit bigger than a 50p (head).
2. Then put another circle inside that circle (eye).
3. Then make another circle inside that circle and colour it black (pupil).
4. Next draw 2 straight lines down from the first big circle (neck).
5. Then draw a straight line from the right side of the neck to make an L shape (back).
6. After that draw a curved line from the left side of the neck (tummy).
7. Then draw a wing shape.
8. Then draw 2 lines for the legs.
9. Next add the feet and the band on the neck.
10. Finally draw 2 small triangles for the beak