

Learning a new text form

PROCEDURAL WRITING

WHAT IS IT???

What is the Purpose of Procedural Writing?

- To tell someone how to do or make something.

Examples:

- recipes, craft instructions, game rules, science experiments

What do we already know about Procedural Writing?

- Recipes
- Tells us how to make/do/play something
- Gives us steps
- Gives us materials
- Found in games
- Found in products that you need to put together (i.e. A new shelf)

What are the features/characteristics of a Procedural Text?

- Title
- Goal – what are you going to make, play or build?
- Materials – what do you need to reach goal?
- Method – The steps involved to complete goal (in order)
- Evaluation – concluding statement to say you reached your goal

Language Features:

A Procedural Text should:

- Use action verbs (turn, mix, stir, put, etc.)
- Use linking words to do with time (first, next, then, finally, eventually, etc.)
- Use precise vocabulary that connects to goal (cooking words for recipe)

Let's Look at an Example...

Banana Shake

Here's a quick and easy recipe to make a smooth, creamy and delicious treat – a banana shake!

Ingredients:

1 banana	2 bowls
1 cup milk	1 fork 1 spoon
1 scoop vanilla ice cream	1 glass

Method:

1. First, pour the milk into 1 bowl.
2. Next, peel the banana and mash it with the fork in the other bowl.
3. Then, add the banana to the milk.
4. Add the ice cream.
5. Next, beat the mixture with spoon until it is smooth.
6. Finally, pour mixture into glass.
7. Clean up dishes.

Now you have a yummy, smooth banana shake to enjoy with your favourite meal or snack!

Now It's Your Turn...

You are going to create your own writing procedure.

Don't forget....

- Title
- Goal to achieve or lesson to learn
- Ingredients or items necessary
- Method
- Evaluation

Need an idea or two?

- How to boil an egg.
- Be a great goalie in soccer.
- Tie a shoe. (Mrs. J's personal favorite)
- Have a Peep war.
- Do a grand jeté in ballet.
- Play a clarinet, violin, oboe, etc.
- Beat a hard level on a video game.
- Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
- Make the perfect sand castle.
- Build the perfect tree house.