



## Instructive texts

An instructive text is a text that **instructs** or tells you **how** to do something. For example:

- A recipe **instructs** you how to cook something.
- A leaflet that comes with a piece of furniture tells you **how** to put it together or take care of it.

Instructive texts sometimes:

- Use verbs, placed at the beginning of the sentence, that tell you to do something; the language is direct and unnecessary words are left out
- Use 'must' and 'must not'.
- Use diagrams or pictures to help understanding.
- Use numbered or bulleted points.

### Examples of instructive texts

Put all ingredients into bowl together. Whisk until fully mixed.

Go to the end of the road and turn left past the pub on the corner. Keep walking until you come to a park and then turn right into Hawker Street.

**For more information about writing instructions, look at the Skillswise Instructions module.**