Instructional Verbs

‘Instructional verbs’ are ‘imperative verbs’.

Cooking
- Stir
- Mix
- Add
- Pour
- Whisk
- Beat
- Spoon
- Cook
- Bake
- Fry
- Boil

Directions
- Walk
- Run
- Turn
- Step
- Rotate
- Take
- Face

Craft
- Fold
- Cut
- Score
- Tear
- Turn
- Draw
- Colour
- Bend
- Paint

Exercise
- Run
- Walk
- Bend
- Stretch
- Relax
- Move
- Turn
- Jump
- Skip
- Hop

Key Words

How to...
- ingredients

You will need...
- first
- firstly
- last
- lastly
- next
- then
- diagram
- label
- right
- left
- straight on
- continue
- finally

Checklist
- Have your instructions got...
- A clear main heading
- Numbered stages
- Sub-headings
- A ‘you will need’ section
- Bullet points
- Useful diagrams, illustrations or photographs
- More than one instruction for each sub-heading