

We have looked in detail at the main features of instructions:

- purpose
- visual layout
- imperative verbs/adverbs
- time order/conjunctions



Look at Sarah's instructions below and on the next page.

She emailed them to me but they got all jumbled up when I opened them and my hamster ran all over the keyboard, pressing random instructions.

I would like you to read them and work out the best way to put them back together so that they make sense. You can: print, cut and stick; cut, copy and paste on a word document or copy by actually rewriting- if you are rewriting you will need to shorten the instructions if they are too long.

Make sure you number the instructions so that they cannot get jumbled up again.

**Success Criteria:**

1. Read each instruction carefully and think about what it means.
2. Highlight the time conjunctions to help you work out the order to do things.
3. Reassemble the instructions on a page.
4. Think carefully about clear, effective visual layout.

Extra challenge: Include a list of resources that will be required to carry out these instructions.

Now that everything is nice and tidy, you can put your hamster back in its cage. Some owners feel that their hamster is more comfortable if a little bit of soiled bedding is put back in with the clean bedding, so that some of the cage still has some of your hamster's own scent in it. You might want to try this, but in any case, your hamster will thank you for its lovely, clean home. Let your hamster get used to its freshly cleaned enclosure for a while rather than picking it up again too quickly.

The first thing to do will be to take your hamster out of its cage and keep it somewhere safe. You could place it gently into a spare enclosure or, if you'll be less than twenty minutes, its exercise ball (and entrust it to an adult). If you opt for a spare enclosure, then be sure to give it a bit of bedding, food and water. When creating a spare, temporary enclosure it's good to be aware that cardboard boxes are very easily gnawed through.

After the cage and the accessories have been cleaned, you'll need to let everything dry off for a few minutes before refilling the cage with the bedding, as the bedding will get wet and soggy if it's put into a moist cage. Hamsters can catch chills from contact with damp bedding, so it's best to wait until it's dry, then to refill the cage with bedding and put back all the clean accessories.

Once the cage is empty, give it a wash with a special spray and a cloth. Each time you clean the cage, you'll either want to use a freshly cleaned cloth or a new one. Many owners have a special 'hamster cage' cloth that they disinfect and wash between cage cleans. With this cloth, make sure that any bits of waste or bedding that have gotten stuck are removed, and that the cage is well-scrubbed. If your cage has bars on it, then you'll need to give these a good clean as well. Cleaning all the cage will get rid of all the waste that has collected there, and will create a much nicer environment for your pet.

You'll also need to clean all those accessories that you removed earlier - they need to be scrubbed as well as the cage to clean them of waste. Your hamster clammers all over these things so you'll want them to be as clean as can be. Hamsters lick and nibble their accessories all the time and you don't want them ingesting anything bad.

The last things to do are to clean your hamster's food bowl, clean your hamster's water bottle, and then finally to refill them both and return them to their original places in the cage. If they aren't cleaned regularly, then dirt can build up in both of them, and the bottle in particular can develop problems. Hamster water bottles can become blocked, preventing your hamster from having access to moisture.

## How Do I Clean My Hamster's Cage?

Next, you'll need to take out all the accessories, including the food bowl. These will be cleaned later, but you may prefer to remove the bedding before you do so - depending on what type you use, this will either involve tipping the material out into a bin, or using the base lining to lift it up and out of the cage.



Your pet will thank you for it's nice clean cage



## Steppingstone activity

### Lesson 1

#### LO: To organise instructions

When you give instructions you have to do them in the right order.

My naughty hamster ran over my computer and mixed up the instructions I was sending for home-learning.

Help me put them back in the right order and write the numbers on each instruction.

You can print and then cut them up, or you can copy them out.

#### Success Criteria:

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| 1. Read and say each sentence.                                       |
| 2. Think about <b>when</b> each <b>instruction</b> needs to be done. |
| 3. Write or stick it all down so it looks really clear.              |

Place the sandwich on a plate.

Next spread the jam across the butter.

Spread the butter across the bread.

### How to Make a Jam Sandwich

First pick up the knife.

Cut the sandwich in half with the knife.

Serve the sandwich.

Put the second piece of bread on top.



