

English Task Monday 1st June

1. Story time

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ra4pZ3OTUKA&t=32s> and listen to Neil Gaiman read his book, *Instructions*.

- Which fairy tale characters and settings did you recognise in the story?
- Why is the story called *Instructions*? Did you hear any instructions being given in the story?

2. All about instructions

Carefully read through *The Features of Instructions*.

- Now read the three instructions on *Catching a Dragon*.
- Write the next three instructions.

The Features of Instructions

Instructions are sentences that give commands or orders. They are bossy and tell the reader what to do. They:

- are usually **short, sharp sentences** that do not contain much description or story language.

Open the gate. Go down the garden path.

- always **contain bossy verbs** that tell someone what to do or not do. These verbs are always in the present tense.

Listen for the doorbell. Do not use the door knocker.

- are **addressed to the reader**, as if the reader is being spoken to directly by someone.



*Go into the wood.
Watch out for the wolves.*

- often **'list' things to do or avoid doing**.

Walk through the wood, jump over the wall and then climb into the tree.

- can be numbered or have bullet points.

1. *Jump on board the ferry*
2. *Pay the ferryman*
3. *Stay sat down till you reach the far side of the river*

Catching a Dragon



❖ Find some bait.

❖ Wait until a new moon rises.

❖ Take a very large net – it needs to be as big as a tree and as light as a feather.

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- Read *How to Catch a Dragon* and compare these instructions with your own.
- Whose might be more successful in helping you to catch a dragon?! Why do you think that?

How to catch a dragon

- ❖ Find some bait. This must be one of the following:
 - A perfect sunflower
 - Six humming birds in a golden cage
 - A golden crown
 - Four pairs of pink ballet shoes
 - A unicorn
 - A young juicy princess (it is best if she is pretty)
 - A young handsome prince
- ❖ Wait until a new moon rises.
- ❖ Take a very large net – it needs to be as big as a tree and as light as a feather.
- ❖ Choose a quiet place in the mountains – you need a glade with plenty of trees around it.
- ❖ Build a mound of stones. It must be about as tall as you are.
- ❖ Place your bait on top of the mound.
- ❖ Hide behind a nearby tree.
- ❖ Make sure that your shadow does not show!
- ❖ Wait.
- ❖ Wait some more.
- ❖ Start hoping.
- ❖ Take your net in your hand and hold your breath...
- ❖ When the dragon arrives, POUNCE.
- ❖ Swing the net down over the dragon as swiftly and gently as you can, *SWOOOOOSH*.
- ❖ You have caught your dragon!

