

Communication and Language: Celebrations and Festivals – Building Understanding

Following instructions

Party biscuits

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For this lesson, you will need:

- biscuits
- icing
- spoon
- sweets to decorate



Following Instructions

In this lesson we are going to follow simple instructions using symbols.

To help your child you may want to start by matching the symbols to the objects.

Offer a choice of 2 when doing this.



Now it's time to complete the activity

Label your items

**Match all of the things you are going to use to the correct symbol.
Line up each of the items in front of you.**



Step 1

Before starting, lay out all of the things you need with the matching symbols.

When giving your child an instruction, keep it simple, using only 2 key words

First we are going to put a biscuit on the plate



Step 2

We are now going to put the icing on top of the biscuit.

Again use a simple instruction.

Note: It doesn't matter if you get messy whilst going this.



Step 3

We can now decorate the biscuit. You can use anything you like for this.

Again keep the instruction simple using only 2 or 3 words.

You might want to extend the learning by saying '1 sweet on biscuit'. This will help to develop their numeracy skills.



Now it's time to complete the activity

Following the instructions

Now give your child each instruction individually. You can print out or draw the symbols of each instruction to help your child. You may need to match the symbols to support understanding.



Finally

The last instruction is to eat the biscuit.
Although you may not need to give this instruction!

Keep repeating each instruction for every biscuit you make to reinforce the learning.

If you make enough you can share them with family.



Make it easier

Pre-label each of the ingredients, making it a matching game when finding the ingredients on the instructions.

Make it harder

Reduce the number of prompts given.
Each time you repeat the activity, ask your child to read or sign the word.

More ideas

Make simple instructions for other tasks around the home.

