



A INSTRUCTIVE TEXT

DÉFINITION → An instructive text is a text that **instructs** or tells you **how** to do something.

A recipe instructs you to cook something.

A leaflet with a piece of furniture tells you how to put it together or take care of it.

Instructive texts:

- Are written as if the reader is being spoken to (although the word 'you' is not usually used).
- Language is direct and unnecessary words are left out.
- Often use 'must' and 'must not'.
- Sometimes use diagrams or pictures to help understanding.

STRUCTURE → The main structure of a prescriptive text is :

Short introduction + Sequence of Instructions

EXAMPLE OF INSTRUCTIVE TEXT.-Recipe

Apple Pie Recipe

Ingredients: 500 grams of apples, 100 grams of butter or margarine, two eggs, 8 spoonfuls of wheat or corn flour, 2 sugar tablespoons, 1 vanilla spoonful (best if it's royal), half a litre of milk, marmalade and an envelope of a product called: Flanin (but you can also make egg custards).

Preparation: 20 minutes.

Portions: 6

First you have to mix the flour, sugar, milk, oil and vanilla very well without lumps.

- Then break the eggs.
- Make a hole in the centre of the mix and put butter and the eggs
- After making that, mix all the ingredients together.
- Take a mould, spread butter on it and put inside the mixture.
- Slice the apples (shaped like crisps but thicker)
- Put them inside a pan and boil them with water and sugar.
- Once you boil them, on the mix that you've done before, put one layer of apples.
- Add the Flanin on the apple layer.
- Next, add another apple layer with spiral shape.
- Put the mould inside the oven and when the pie is nearly finished, add the marmalade.
- The temperature depends on the oven. Remember, 30 or 35 minutes inside it!

LINGUISTICS ASPECTS

- *Use of the second person singular or first person plural pronouns.
- *Use of the imperative, infinitive or future tense.
- *Use of commands, instructive language. (*You must...*)

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

- First / Second/ Third...
- To begin with/ then/ next...
- Finally / To finish...