

We have been looking at instruction texts and discovered that one of the main features is imperative verbs.

Imperative verbs are also known as bossy verbs because they tell you what to do. We put imperative verbs at the beginning of a sentence, which automatically changes them into commands or actions that must be done. We can leave out a lot of the normal language of a sentence so we get to the point a lot quicker. The commands are usually very short sentences and are acted upon immediately. When we read or hear instructions, we want them to be quick and snappy so we can act upon them straight away.

Underline the imperative (bossy verbs) in each sentence. Can you add adverbs to describe how the action should be carried out and adjectives to improve the sentences?

1. Fill the bath.
2. Put on a set of waterproofs.
3. Tempt the woolly mammoth into the bathroom.
4. Pick up the shampoo.
5. Scrub the mammoth's head.
6. Next, grab the tusk whitener.
7. Polish the mammoth's tusks.
8. Finally, spray some perfume over the mammoth.