Features of an instruction text

	Title which shows what the text is about. It may begin "How to..."		**Adverbs** for how the actions should be done.
	Sub-headings to break the text into clear sections.		**Chronological order** and **Adverbs of Time.**
	An **opening sentence** which encourages the reader to have a go.		**Technical vocabulary** which is specific to the task.
	A **clear list of equipment** or ingredients needed.		**Diagrams** or illustrations with **labels.**
	Simple steps for each action in the method.		**Formal, impersonal** tone.
	Imperative (bossy) **verbs** telling the reader what to do.		**Closing statement** which shows or describes what the reader has achieved.
	Bullet points or **numbers** for each step.		

Model text

Please use this as an example of expectations.

How to Wash Your Elephant

Has your elephant rolled in mud?
Elephants need to be kept clean or they can often become unhealthy. Use this handy set of instructions to ensure you keep your pet squeaky clean.

Equipment	
an extra long hosepipe (at least 10 metres)	a pair of elephant nail clippers
a set of step ladders	a sheet of sand paper
a large sweeping brush with stiff bristles	a feather duster
a bottle of elephant shampoo	



Method

1. Firstly, prepare your elephant for their bathing session in an area with plenty of space. Make sure that your animal is calm, well-fed and content. It may help to tickle their tummies to relax them if they are nervous about getting wet.

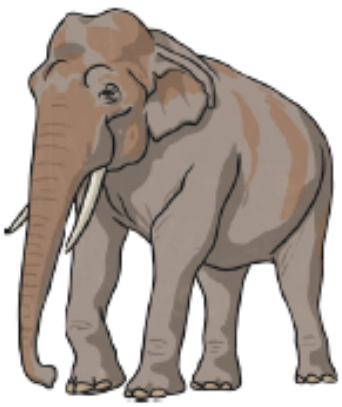
2. Next, prop up the step ladders beside your pet otherwise it is impossible to reach the top of their body. Climb the ladders carefully as you carry the hosepipe. Use lukewarm water to completely soak your elephant's skin.

3. After that, squeeze a whole bottle of elephant shampoo onto the animal's back. Use the sweeping brush to reach up and scrub every part of their dirty skin. Start at their back and work downwards to their feet.

4. Afterwards, rinse them off until all of the soap suds are gone. Be very careful not to let any of the shampoo drip into your pet's eyes as the pain could cause them to suddenly charge at you.

5. Now, you need to make your elephant lie down. A tasty bun may be helpful to convince them to go down to the ground. Use the sand paper to file the dead skin from the bottom of their feet and the nail clippers to trim their toenails. As a result, you should watch out for sharp bits of flying elephant toenail!

6. Finally, you need to gently clean your elephant's nostrils and ears using the feather duster. This can be very dangerous. Move quickly away from your elephant's trunk if they begin to shake or start to breathe more heavily. You do not want to be in the firing line of a powerful elephant sneeze.



Enjoy your spotlessly clean mammal but keep a close eye on them near any muddy puddles!