

Lesson 1 What Is a How-to?

Have you ever put a toy together? Maybe you did an art project. Do you remember how you did it? You must have done things in order.

Matt did an art project. Here are the steps he followed.

Now, look at the steps.

How to Make a Sock Puppet

First, get a sock, yarn, buttons, and glue.

Next, glue on the yarn and buttons for hair and eyes.

Last, put your new sock puppet on your hand.

There are three steps in order.

The words **first**, **next**, and **last** make the order of the steps very clear.

Each step is a complete sentence.



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When you tell how to do something, make sure you put the steps in order.

Jill wants to make a card for her grandmother. She has paper and crayons to make the card. Draw three steps in order that Jill needs to follow. Then, label your pictures **first**, **next**, and **last**.



Now, write about how to make a card. Give three steps. Use the words **first**, **next**, and **last** to show what order the steps are in.



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Now, ask a friend to read the directions you wrote on page 59. Ask your friend to tell if you are missing any steps. Rewrite your directions to include any steps you missed.

Read your directions again. Did you remember to use words such as **first**, **then**, **next**, and **last**?