

Support understanding of task instructions

Give students the big picture of what they are doing, then break the learning into steps, using a variety of supports.

- ✓ Ask students to repeat directions in their own words to a peer.
- ✓ If directions contain several steps, break down the directions into subsets.
- ✓ Simplify directions by presenting only one portion at a time and by writing each portion on the whiteboard or class web page, as well as stating it orally.
- ✓ Provide visual supports and examples.
- ✓ When using written directions, be sure that students are able to read and understand the words, as well as comprehend the meaning of sentences.

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