1. **Instructions:** Dockerfile consists of a series of instructions, each specifying a particular operation to be performed during the image build process.
2. **Comments:** Comments in a Dockerfile start with the `#` character and continue to the end of the line. They are used to document the Dockerfile and provide explanations for specific instructions.
3. **Directives:** Directives are instructions that control the behavior of the Docker build process. They include:
    a. **ARG** - Defines a build-time variable that can be passed to the Docker build command using the `--build-arg` option.
    b. **FROM** - Specifies the base image to use for building the new image.
    c. **LABEL** - Adds metadata to the image in the form of key-value pairs. Labels provide information such as version, description, maintainer, etc.
    d. **USER** Sets the user or UID (user identifier) that the container should run as when executing commands.
    e. **WORKDIR**: Sets the working directory inside the container where subsequent commands will be executed.
    f. **VOLUME**: Creates a mount point and marks it as externally mounted volumes from the container.
    g. **EXPOSE**: Specifies the network ports that the container listens on at runtime. It doesn't actually publish the ports, but it documents which ports should be published.
    h. **ENV**: Sets environment variables that will be available to subsequent RUN commands during the image build process and to the containers at runtime.
    i. **ADD**: Copies files, directories, or remote URLs from the source to the destination in the container. It's similar to COPY but has additional capabilities such as auto-extracting compressed files and fetching remote resources.
    j. **COPY**: Copies files or directories from the host machine into the container.
    k. **RUN**: Executes shell commands or scripts inside the container during the image build process.
    l. **CMD**: Specifies the default command to run when a container based on the image is started.
    m. **ENTRYPOINT**: Specifies the executable or script that should be run when the container starts. It's often used in conjunction with CMD to define the main entry point for the container.
    n. **ONBUILD**: Adds a trigger instruction to be executed when the image is used as the base for another image.