

Reading

In this section, you will learn how to:

- identify the characteristics of procedural text.

After learning the lesson in this section, you are expected to be able to:

- understand a procedural text.

Practice 1

Match each word in column A with its meaning in column B. Use your dictionary if necessary.

No.	A	B
1.	treasure	a. piece of iron or steel that attracts other metal object
2.	straw	b. outer form or outline; condition; state
3.	shape	c. (mass of) fine grains of crushed rock
4.	firm	d. (store of) very valuable object or person
5.	magnet	e. fairly hard; steady or stable
6.	sticky	f. the outside or topside of any object; outward appearance
7.	sand	g. thin tube through which liquid is sucked up
8.	surface	h. like or covered with glue

Practice 2

Read the following text carefully.

Germinating Petunia Seeds



You will need:

- a packet of petunia seeds
- a seed tray or small pots
- loamy friable soil or potting mix

- water
- fertiliser.

Steps

1. Fill seed tray with soil.
2. Incorporate fertiliser into soil.
3. Scatter seeds on the surface of the soil.
4. Cover seeds with a 3 mm layer of soil. Press firmly.
5. Spray water to moisten the seed bed.
6. Place seed tray in warm, sunny position (at least 25 degree C).
7. Keep soil moist by watering gently while seeds are germinating. Then seeds will germinate in approximately 10 - 14 days.

Practice 3

Identify the characteristic of the text in Practice 2 and mention its features such as action verb, imperative, connector and adverbial.

Enrich Your Knowledge

Another Form of a Procedural Text

Read the following text aloud

How to Prevent Back Pain

- Use the correct lifting and moving techniques.
- Exercise regularly to keep the muscles that support your back strong and flexible.
- Don't slouch; poor posture puts a strain on your lower back.
- Maintain your proper body weight to avoid straining your back muscles.
- Keep a positive attitude about your school and home life.

Imperatives

Meanwhile, the italicised words above are called imperatives. Imperatives are verbs used to give orders, commands and instructions. The term used is usually the same as the base form. It is one of the three moods of an English verb. Imperatives should be used carefully in English; to give orders or commands, but not as much when trying to be polite or show respect to the other person.