



Write to Inform: Explanation

Purpose: To explain to the reader how to do something and why

Key features



How to wash a woolly mammoth

Mammoths are notoriously tricky to keep clean and the process of washing a mammoth requires complex prior planning.

Firstly, the cleaning area needs to be prepared with everything required. This is because mammoths have a tendency to avoid bathing at all costs and will therefore try and run away if the opportunity arises. Being prepared will avoid this situation. The bath needs to be filled with tepid, soapy water and surrounded with plenty of towels around the bath so as to catch the inevitable drips.

Secondly, the mammoth needs to be hoisted into the bath because asking it to get in is not going to prove very successful (unless there is a mammoth whisperer lurking nearby). Using a broom to gently push the mammoth towards the bath, using a skateboard to glide the mammoth in the right direction or employing a heavy-duty crane to lift the mammoth are all methods that can be tried:







The next stage is the actual washing part. In order to remain dry, waterproof clothing, wellies and goggles must be worn. During the washing, the mammoth should be scrubbed behind the ears and cleaned underneath in order to complete a thorough job. Mammoth shampoo in various scents can be purchased from any local supermarket or using an online retailer.

Following the washing, the mammoth will need to be dried. The mammoth's fur can be blow dried or it can be wrapped in a fluffy towel. Mammoths enjoy being cosy so this part should not be as difficult.

When the mammoth is finally clean and dry, it can be allowed to resume normal activities.

Language:

- -Adverbials of time: Firstly, then, next
- -Third person: Mammoths, they
- -Causal language: because, so
- -Technical language linked to the subject

matter: heavy-duty



-Paragraphs for each stage of the

-Diagrams to aid the explanation

Writer's toolbox

Causal language:

Structural:

-Title starting with 'How...'

So Because

Therefore In order to

So as to

process

Adverbials of time:

Firstly Secondly

The next stage Following that

Subsequently The next stage

Punctuation:

Remember to mark fronted adverbials

Remember to use apostrophes to mark

possession

Vocabulary:

Notoriously tricky Complex

Hoisted Heavy-duty

Equipment Resume

Recommended reads



