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Giving precise instructions

Follow this instruction:

On a piece of paper, draw a house. You have 2 minutes!

Does your house look like this?

If your house looks different to this one, then it means you weren't given instructions that were **precise**.

Precise instructions are important so that we know exactly what we need to do.



How to make a bed

Which instruction is clearer?

- *Put the fitted sheet on the bed.*
- *Carefully tuck each corner of the fitted sheet under each corner of the mattress.*



The second option gives more precise details about where the sheet should go and how it should be put on.

Watch the video to see how to give precise instructions.

