

Unit: Writing a Sequence of Instructions: How-To Books

Grade: 1

Task: Student Work Sample

Title: Hamster

The following student artifact has been retyped; please see a copy of the original student work at the end of this document. Comments about student work can be found in the box on the right.

How To Feed a Hamster

Have you ever seen the hunger of a hamster? Well today you will see the nice way to feed a hamster.

Supplies

Hamster cage, hamster food, hamster bowl, sink, little cup

First, you open the bag of hamster food and take off the cap.

Next, scoop some hamster food out of the bag of hamster food with a little cup.

Then, pour the cup of hamster food in the hamsters bowl.

Forth, close the bag of hamster food and put the cap back on the hamsters cage.

Last, go to the bathroom and wash your hands.

Now you know the delight of a not hungry hamster and now the hamster won't be hungry anymore and now the hamster will be happy.

The writer had an introduction and told the reader what they would learn.

The writer listed supplies needed.

The writer used transitional words (first, next, last).

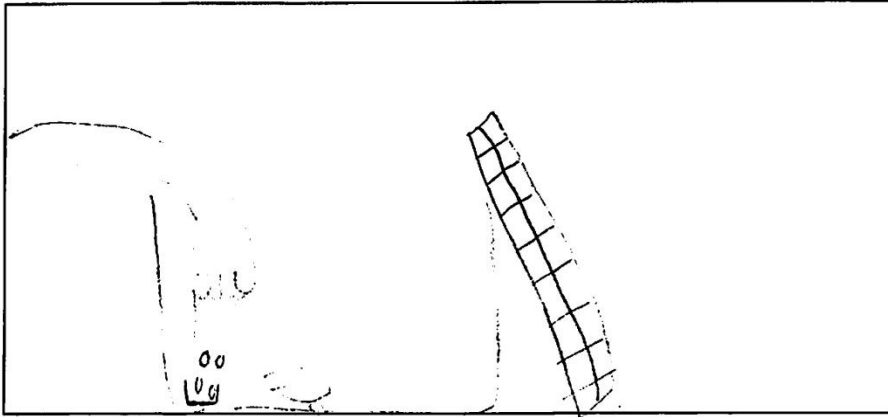
The writer added clear and precise pictures and words to help readers understand directions.

The writer used precise words to be clear about each step and to help the reader follow steps in order.

The writer provided some type of closure.

How to feed a hamster

By ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

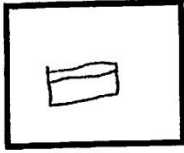


Introduction:

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the burger of a hamster?
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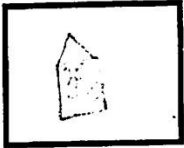
Supplies



hamster cup



hamster bowl



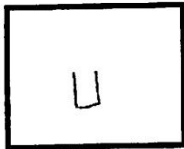
hamster food



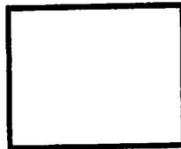


Sink





little cup



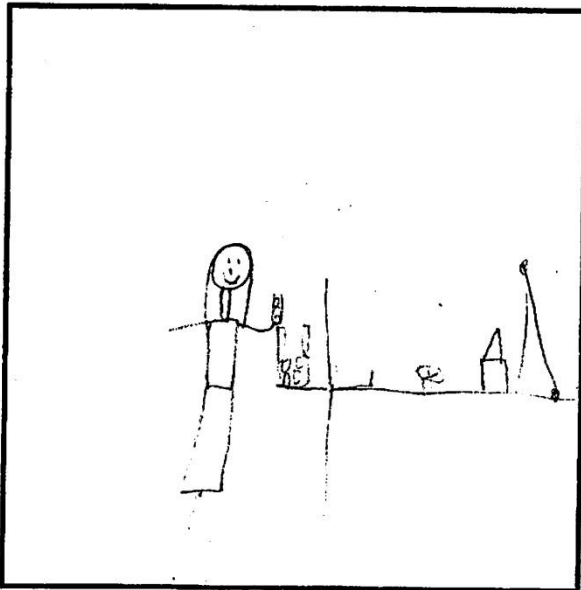
Sample Materials Page (box = sketch, line = words)

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First, you open
the bag of hamster
food and take off
the cap.



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Next, scoop some
hamster food out
of the bag of
hamster food with
a little cup.



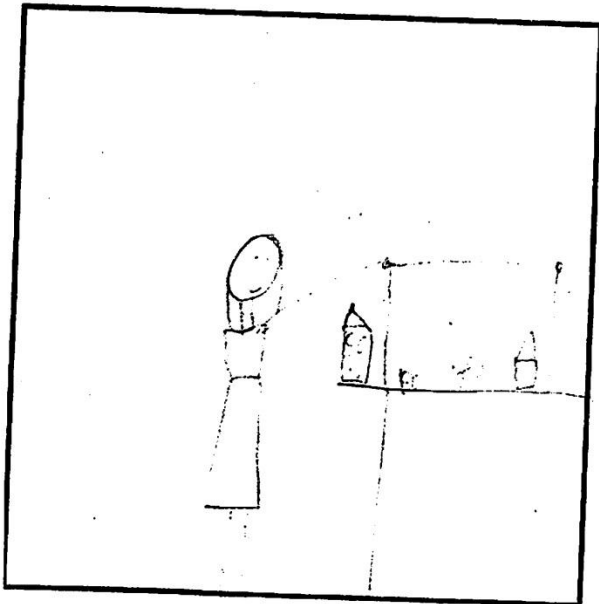
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Then, pour the

cup of hamster

food in the hamsters

bowl.



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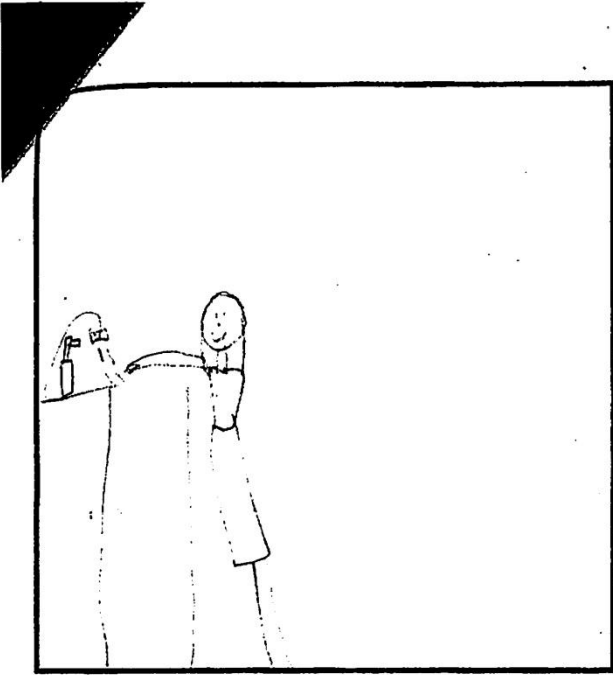
Fourth, close the

bag of hamster food

and put the cap

back on the

hamster cage.

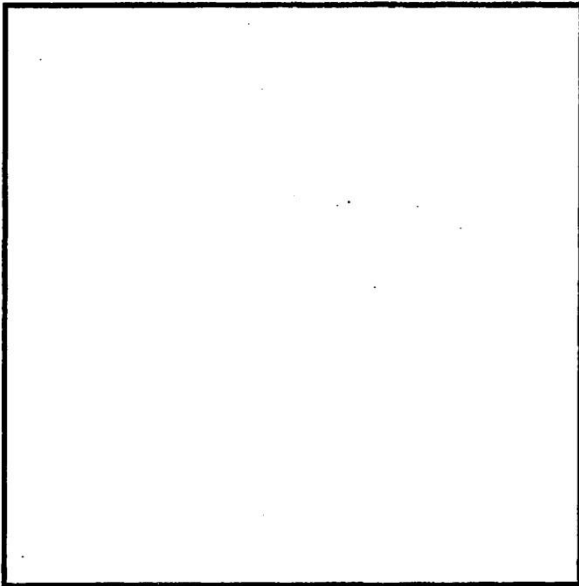


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Last, go walk to

the bathroom and

wash your hands



Conclusion:

Now you have seen

the delite of a not

hungry hamster and now


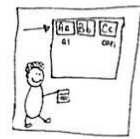
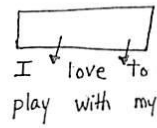

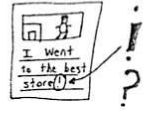
the hamster wont be hungry

anymore and now the hamster

will be happy.

2-7-14

Editing Checklist

I checked for...			My partner checked...
✓	capital "I"		
✓	word wall words		
✓	spaces between words		
✓	all the sounds in words		
✓	end punctuation (., !, ?)		
✓	capitals at the front of sentences	The cat is black.	
✓	separate single words in a series with commas	Paper, yarn, felt, glue, and scissors	

How-To Book Checklist

Name ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Date 2-11-14

Do you have...	Yes	Not Yet
A title that says this will be a How-To book.	✓	
List of things you need for each step. (materials)	✓	
Pictures that teach you what to do.	✓	
Captions under the pictures.	✓	
Numbers or words for each step.	✓	
Directions or steps in the order they should be done.	✓	
Text features – (LIST)	✓	
Supplies list		
title		
Introduction		
Closing		

Based on Calkins, Lucy & Pessah, Laurie. (2003). Nonfiction Writing: Procedures and Reports in Units of Study for Primary Writing: A Year-Long Curriculum

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