



Resource Guide

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

What is follow directions?	Follow Directions utilizes a child's receptive language to listen to, comprehend, and execute an instruction. Receptive language refers to words understood through listening. Additionally, words used in Follow Directions can be considered conceptual vocabulary, including words such as first, before, left, farthest , and except which can be part of everyday conversation yet require a level of understanding for the proper execution of directions.
Receptive language	Make sure the child has an understanding of simple positional vocabulary, for example, in and on, above and below , etc. Do this by describing everyday activities, for example, "I am putting my coat on the hook below the big clock." Provide the child with similar instructions to practice. Begin with simple one-step instructions and move toward making the instructions two-step, allowing for the opportunity to practice multistep directions as the child progresses.
Describe and compare objects	Continue practicing by describing and comparing objects as they relate to each other, based on easy characteristics like shape and size. Have the child group objects that can be compared by one characteristic. For example, group objects by size using words like small, smaller , and smallest where the attribute is relative to what is being compared.
Ordering and directionality	Begin to build a child's aptitude for ordering and directionality by providing opportunities to introduce words like closest and farthest , as well as first, second, last, left, right , etc.
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Benchmark Milestones

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BOY- Beginning of the Year; MOY- Middle of the Year; EOY- End of the Year

Kindergarten	BOY, MOY, & EOY	1st-20th %tile: Can follow no or limited one-step conditional directions Ex: Click on the first block 21st-40th %tile: Can follow some one-step conditional directions with some conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the block closest to the plane 41st-99th %tile: Can follow one-step conditional directions with understanding of conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the smallest block that is farthest from the plane
First Grade	BOY & MOY	1st- 20th %tile: Can follow limited or no one-step conditional directions Ex: Click on the first block 21st-40th %tile: Can follow some one-step conditional directions with some conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the block closest to the plane 41st-99th %tile: Can follow one- and two-step conditional directions with understanding of conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the third white heart, then click on the second black plane
	EOY	1st-20th %tile: Can follow limited or no one-step conditional directions with some conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the block closest to the plane 21st-40th %tile: Can follow conditional one-and two-step conditional directions with understanding of conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the third white heart, then click on the second black plane 41st- 99th %tile: Can follow more multi-step conditional directions with understanding of conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the third hat in the bottom row, the first plane in the middle row, and the second block in the top row

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Second Grade	BOY & MOY	1st-20th %tile: Can follow limited or no one-step conditional directions Ex: Click on the block closest to the plane 21st-40th %tile: Can follow some one-step conditional directions with some conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the smallest black heart closest to the plane 41st-99th %tile: Can follow conditional one-and two-step conditional directions with understanding of conceptual vocabulary Ex: Click on the third white hat, then click on the second black plane
	EOY	1st-20th %tile: Can follow limited or no two-step conditional directions with sequencing Ex: Click on the third white hat, then click on the second black plane 21st-40th %tile: Can follow two or more step directions with conditional and positional language Ex: Click on two hearts after you click on the smallest black plane 41st-99th %tile: Can follow multi-step sequential directions with complex language requiring deductive reasoning Ex: Click on the third white dog in the top row and the second black plane in the bottom row, after you click on the smallest hat in the middle row