

## INTRODUCTION

**T**his book is about directions. But since directions can be about anything, this book is about a lot of things. To find out about them, all you have to do is follow the directions.

**M**ost of what you will do in this book is something you can do with a partner. Sometimes you will just talk it over, compare what you think with what your partner thinks, share ideas. Sometimes you will give each other things to do, games to invent and play, directions to unscramble. At all times, whatever you write in this book is up to you and you alone. Working in teams is a great way to figure out directions, but yours is the final decision on what you do.

**B**y the time you finish this book you will have had quite a bit of experience at writing and following directions. You will also have a book that is full of ideas, games, puzzles and things to make. Have fun with it!

# PLEASE, PASS THE SALT

We have all been frustrated by directions that we didn't understand, but what about the ones that we follow everyday with no problem at all? We're probably all a lot better at understanding directions than we realize!

If you are convinced that carrying through on a direction like "Please, pass the salt." doesn't take much thinking, try asking a tiny baby to do it, or see if your chair will oblige! What are all the things you have to do in order to "pass the salt"? Write them here:

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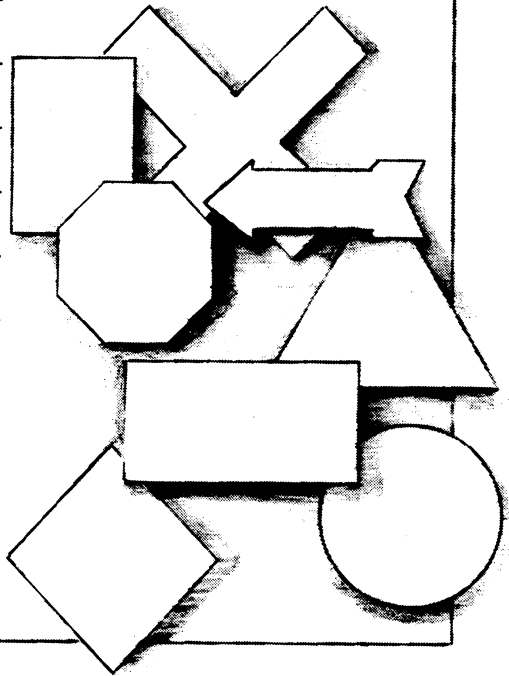
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Can you think of other phrases or sentences in your everyday life that tell you what to do, and often, how to do it? ("Drive Slowly" is an example of a simple one.)

Collect some and write them here.

- at home \_\_\_\_\_
- at school \_\_\_\_\_
- playing games \_\_\_\_\_
- on the way to school \_\_\_\_\_
- in the classroom \_\_\_\_\_
- watching T.V. \_\_\_\_\_
- reading a book \_\_\_\_\_
- in a textbook \_\_\_\_\_
- in this book! \_\_\_\_\_





# MISSING WORDS

**E**ach of these sentences is missing a word. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct words from below.

assemble      underline      rearrange      unscramble      list      select

The pieces of the puzzle were lying scattered on the table waiting for me to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

To \_\_\_\_\_ a word, means to draw a horizontal rule underneath it.

You will have to \_\_\_\_\_ all the words in this sentence if you want them to be in alphabetical order.

Sometimes it is hard to \_\_\_\_\_ just the right word.

Sarah had to \_\_\_\_\_ the meaningless jumble of words to find the clue.

One day Julio decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in his notebook all the things that made him mad.

**C**hoose six verbs from any of the directions in this book and write them here.

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**M**ake up sentences using these six verbs. Write the sentences and replace each verb with a blank space. Have a partner fill in the blanks.

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