



The Beginner Builder's Book Box



This guided writing lesson should be completed *after* the child has built his or her own book box.

Here are the steps!

1. Show the 5 sections that the students will write:

Introduction
Materials
Instructions
More Instructions
Conclusion

Now to write!

Guide the students through the following steps. They are free to use their own words as long as they follow along to keep their instructions organized.

1. On the 1st line, center, write a title. Examples can be:

How to Build a Book Box, Build a Wooden Book Box or simply Book Box etc.

2. On the 2nd line, left side, write an introductory paragraph. Use a question and/or exclamation. For example:

Do you like to build? Build a book box!

OR

Are you tired of watching plastic book boxes break? Build a wooden one!

3. On the next line, left side write the word MATERIALS and list them.

A younger child may only write:

MATERIALS: wood, nails and a hammer

An older child can be more specific:

MATERIALS:

4 pieces of wood that are 12" x 10"

1 piece of wood that is 12" x 13.5"

Nails that are 1 ½ inches long

A light weight hammer

4. On the next line, left side, write the word STEPS or INSTRUCTIONS.



5. Under the word STEPS or INSTRUCTIONS write the number 1 to begin.
6. Then, have the students use 1-4 sentences (depending on age and ability) to explain each step to building the book box. For the first step:

A younger child might simply write:

Put two sides together. Hammer in the nails.



An older child has the ability to break it down into many mini steps:
Take two pieces of board that are 12" x 10".
Connect the 10" edges to make a right angle.
Hammer in a nail at each corner.
Hammer in 5-10 more nails along the edge.

7. On the next line, write the next number (The numbers will vary according to how many steps have already been written.) Write how to add the 3rd side.



8. On the next line, write the next number. Write how to add the 4th side.



9. On the next line, write the next number. Write how to add the bottom.



10. Write a conclusion that encourages the reader to build the box and how to use it! For example: *This wooden book box is easy to build and will last you a lifetime!*

