

DESCRIBING AN OBJECT

Basic Skills and
Tools to Teach
Content Subjects
in English

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What is an **object**?

- Animate / Inanimate
- Part of a larger system

Organization + visual aid

- From general to specific
- Spatially
- From most important to least important
- Logically

- Role of signposting: deixis (this/these, here/there, then)

Two steps:

1. Describe the object

- Shape
- Material
- Characteristics

2. State purpose or function of

- Object
- Parts of the object

HOW?

1. Provide a **definition**

- A **bar code** is an **electronic** signal used **to track the product**.

term

class

function/purpose

2. State **purpose**

1. 'x' functions as + N
2. The purpose of 'x' is to + infinitive
3. 'x' + verb (present simple)
4. 'x' is used to + infinitive
5. 'x' is for + V-ing
6. What 'x' does is (cleft-sentence with what+infinitive)