

Lesson 2: Doing an experiment

A G Listen and read.

Umair and David are making an electromagnet in their science class. Umair is reading the instructions. David is doing the experiment.

Umair: We've got everything, haven't we?

David: I think so. We have a large iron nail. We have some copper wire. We have

an AA battery. We have a few paper clips. And we have some tape.

Umair: OK. Let's get started. Wrap the wire around the nail.

David: Like this?

Umair: No. Look at the picture. Don't wrap it straight. Wrap it at an angle.

David: How's this?

Umair: Don't wrap it tightly. Wrap it around eight or nine times. Leave about 5

centimetres of wire free at each end.

David: OK. Done.

Umair: Good, but be careful. Don't overlap the wire.

David: Like this?

Umair: Perfect. Now, stick one end of the wire to the bottom of the battery

with the tape. Then, stick the other end to the top of the battery.

David: Done. So, is this an electromagnet?

Umair: I hope so. Can you pick up the paper clips?

David: No ... it's not working.

Umair: Slow down! If you go too fast, they fall off.

David: I've got one!

Umair: You see? If you pick up the clips one by one, they stick to the nail.

David: I've got another one. And another! Wow. This is really cool.

B Work with a partner. Find the words in green in the text and work out their meaning. Use a dictionary if you need to.

C Study the rule then find other examples in the conversation.



Explaining processes: Giving instructions

When we give instructions, we can use:

imperatives - Wrap the wire around the nail. Don't wrap it straight.

zero conditionals - If you go too fast, they fall off.

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D Now do Exercises A to G on page 18 to 21 of the Workbook.

