

Gingerbread Man Listen and Follow Directions

This Gingerbread Man template can be used in a variety of ways. We used it as a listening and following directions activity. These directions can easily be altered to match the level and needs of your students. Here are some examples:

Focus: ordinal numbers and colors; one-step directions

Color the _____ Gingerbread Man _____.

(can be done in order or to work on ordinal numbers more, mix them up)

Example:

Color the first Gingerbread Man red.

Color the second Gingerbread Man yellow.

Color the third Gingerbread Man purple.

Color the fourth Gingerbread Man green.

Color the fifth (or last) Gingerbread Man orange.

Ask follow-up questions: (examples)

Which Gingerbread Man is yellow?

What color is the fourth Gingerbread Man?

Focus: ordinal numbers and basic characteristics; one-step directions

Draw a _____ on the _____ Gingerbread Man.

OR add a color word

Draw a (color) _____ on the _____ Gingerbread Man.

(can be done in order or to work on ordinal numbers more, mix them up)

Example:

Draw a (blue) hat on the first Gingerbread Man.

Draw (black) shoes on the second Gingerbread Man.

Draw a (green) shirt on the third Gingerbread Man.

Draw (brown) pants on the fourth Gingerbread Man.

Draw (purple) buttons on the fifth (or last) Gingerbread Man.

Ask follow-up questions: (examples)

What is the second Gingerbread Man wearing?

Which Gingerbread Man is wearing a shirt?

Which Gingerbread Man is wearing something on his head?

Focus: ordinal numbers and emotions; one-step directions

Draw a _____ face on the _____ Gingerbread Man.

(can be done in order or to work on ordinal numbers more, mix them up)

Example:

Draw a happy face on the first Gingerbread Man.

Draw a sad face on the second Gingerbread Man.

Draw a scared face on the third Gingerbread Man.

Draw a surprised face on the fourth Gingerbread Man.

Draw a tired face on the fifth (or last) Gingerbread Man.

Ask follow-up questions: (examples)

Which Gingerbread Man is sad?

Which Gingerbread Man shows how he might feel if someone shouted "Boo!"?

Why do you think the first Gingerbread Man is happy?

Challenge: multi-step directions (combine directions)

Example:

On the first Gingerbread Man, draw a (purple) hat and (green) shoes.

On the second Gingerbread Man, draw a sad face and black hair.

Color the third Gingerbread Man yellow and draw three (red) buttons.

On the fourth Gingerbread Man, draw (blue) pants and a (yellow) tie.

Draw a happy face on the fifth Gingerbread Man and (orange) mittens.