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Physics B
1st Period

Making a Peanut Butter Sandwich

Procedure:

1. Open the bread bag by undoing the twist-tie.
2. Take two pieces of bread from the bread bag and place them on the plate. Designate them Slice A and Slice B.
3. Close the bread bag with the twist-tie.
4. Open the jar of peanut butter by unscrewing the lid on the top of the jar.
5. With the sharp end of the knife, scoop out approximately 1.0 teaspoon of peanut butter.
6. With the knife, carefully spread the peanut butter on one side Slice A such that the peanut butter assumes a uniform depth of approximately 1/16 inch.
7. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until one side of Slice A is completely and thoroughly covered with peanut butter at the depth indicated.
8. Close the jar of peanut butter by replacing the lid and screwing it back on.
9. Place the knife on the plate.
10. Carefully place Slice B on top of Slice A such that the layer of peanut butter is between the slices. The slices should be parallel to each other and the edges of the slices should be lined up so that the peanut butter on Slice A is completely covered by Slice B.

A good procedure is a set of instructions to follow. It is clear and precise, and reasonably short. Another person can follow this procedure and reproduce your results.

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not enough
detail.

Mary Q. Contrary
1st Period

Making a Peanut Butter Sandwich

Procedure:

1. Get out some bread.
2. With a knife, get some peanut butter.
3. Put the peanut butter on one of the pieces of bread.
4. Put the another piece of bread on top of the first piece of bread.

A bad procedure is a set of instructions to follow, but it lacks detail. Often bad lab procedures lack quantities that describe how much to use, where to put things, etc. Someone who already knows how to make a sandwich can follow this procedure, but someone who has never made one before may not obtain the same results because the details are lacking.

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This is not a procedure. You have repeated my instructions to the class.

Justin Time
1st Period

Physics Lab Report

Procedure:

Get out bread and peanut butter.

Determine how you will make the sandwich with the bread and peanut butter.

Make the sandwich using the method you devised.

An ugly procedure is not even a set of instructions to follow, but instead is a restatement of the instructions. It is very incomplete.

Math thinks
in English class
this would get an
A, but in Physics
it receives an F.

John Keats
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Creation of a Tempting Peanut Butter Delight

Procedure:

The budding chefs who share my space and I were certainly challenged by the task at hand. We pondered how to best approach this problem. Our decision as to how to meld the creamy culinary spread based on the wondrous underground legume with the hearty wheat confection was debated for a goodly while, and we decided to proceed apace with this method described below of solving the problem.

We placed the spread gently upon the spreading blade, making sure that the blade's capacity was not overcome, and watched in eager anticipation as spread met the bread. The bread's mate was then placed gently upon the spread, and the mission was thus accomplished.

This is not English class, and your procedure should read more like a cookbook. Your English teacher would not accept a lab procedure in lieu of a creative writing assignment. Likewise, your Physics teacher would not accept a creative essay for a lab procedure.