A flow chart shows a sequence of steps. This kind of diagram can be useful when writing instructions, explanations and arguments.

### How to Cook Popcorn

- Place popcorn in bowl.
- Cover bowl with clear plastic wrap.
- Place bowl in microwave.
- Set timer to 2 minutes.
- When timer sounds, remove bowl.
- Is popcorn cooked?
  - Yes: Remove the plastic wrap.
  - No: Set timer to 15 seconds.
- Place bowl back in the microwave.
- Eat the popcorn!

### Features of a Flow Chart

- **heading:** How to . . .
- **Arrows** show the order in which the events should happen:
  - Place . . .
  - Cover . . .
- **Arrows divide** where a choice has to be made:
- **Arrows form a loop** where steps are repeated:
  - When . . .
  - Place . . .