

## Recipes

We're going to write recipes! First, let's take a look at some recipes written by native speakers for native speakers. In the spaces below, take notes on how they are written.

What is the overall organization of a recipe? For example, are ingredients listed separately? Are there any special instructions at the beginning?

*One recipe has a short introduction, but the other doesn't. Then both list the ingredients first. Then both give the directions for cooking - one calls it Preparación, and the other calls it Elaboración.*

What sort of grammar is used for giving directions? For example, are commands used, or statements?

*Both recipes use statements in the first person plural ("We do X"). One recipe also uses these structures:*

*Hay que... (it is necessary to...)*

*Commands with infinitives (-ar, -er, or -ir forms of verbs)*

How are amounts of ingredients indicated? For example, are ingredients like liquids and powders measured by weight or by volume? Do you see any special expressions for certain quantities of items (for example, in English we say one "bunch" of bananas)?

*Liquids are measured in milliliters, which is volume.*

*Solids (including tomatoes) are measured by weight - in grams.*

*I noticed that garlic is measured in "teeth," not cloves.*

Is there anything else that you notice about how native speakers write recipes?

*Both recipes have photos of the final product.*

*Some of the ingredients are really specific: a particular brand, or a special kind of ham. The quality of the ingredients seems to be really important.*

In the space below, sketch a visual representation of how a native speaker would write a recipe, with reminders to yourself of specific patterns to follow.

*optional introduction*

*ingredients (use abbreviations)*

*procedure  
-use nosotros forms*

Now, think of something that you know how to cook, or else find a recipe for something that you like to eat. Using the first page of this handout as a reference, write a recipe in the style of a native speaker.

Look back at your recipe and use the following checklist to see if you can revise what you've written:

- Organized like the example recipes.
- Uses the same sort of grammar as the examples to describe procedures.
- Gives units of measurement that a native speaker would be used to.
- Consistent in other ways with the way the examples are written.