

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?

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

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)?

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

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.

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.
- Is consistent in other ways with the way the examples are written.