

LITERACY - INSTRUCTIONS

A DUMPLING DAY

Core Knowledge

In this unit, we will explore the genre of instructions, specifically focusing on recipes. Understanding how to read and write recipes helps develop important literacy skills as well as practical life skills. Here are some key concepts we will learn:

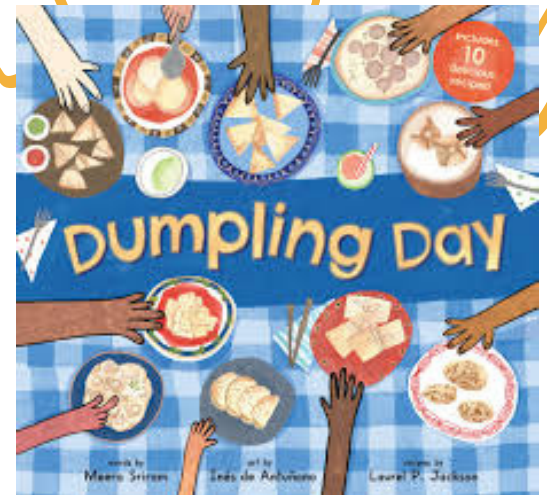
- What are Instructions?
 - Instructions are step-by-step guides that tell us how to do something.
- What is a Recipe?
 - A recipe is a type of instruction that tells us how to make food or drinks.
- Key Features of Recipes:
 - Title: The name of the recipe (e.g., "Chocolate Chip Cookies").
 - Ingredients List: A list of what you need to make the recipe (e.g., flour, sugar, chocolate chips).
 - Method: Step-by-step instructions explaining how to prepare the dish.
 - Images/Pictures: Sometimes recipes include pictures to help us understand.

Key Vocabulary

- **Ingredients** – Items needed to make something.
- **Instruction** – A direction to complete a task.
- **Sequence** – The order in which steps are followed.
- **Recipe** – A set of instructions for preparing food.
- **Method** – The step-by-step process in instructions.
- **Imperative Verb** – A 'bossy' verb giving commands.
- **Adverb** – A word that describes how an action is done.
- **Algorithm** – A step-by-step procedure, like a recipe.
- **Bullet Points** – A way to list key information clearly.

Top Ten Facts

1. Instructions must be clear and easy to follow.
2. Bossy verbs tell people exactly what to do.
3. Recipes include an ingredients list and a method.
4. Sequence words keep instructions in the right order.
5. Adverbs improve clarity by explaining how to do actions.
6. Good instructions have bullet points or numbers.
7. Testing instructions helps identify mistakes.
8. Poorly written instructions can cause confusion.
9. Algorithms are a type of instruction used in computing.
10. Following instructions correctly leads to a successful result.



Key Questions & Answers

1. **What is an instruction?** – A set of clear, step-by-step guidance on how to complete a task.
2. **What are imperative (bossy) verbs?** – Words that tell someone what to do (e.g., mix, chop, stir).
3. **Why is sequencing important in instructions?** – It ensures steps are followed in the correct order.
4. **What features make a good set of instructions?** – Title, ingredients/materials list, method, clear steps, imperative verbs, sequencing words.
5. **Why do recipes include adverbs?** – To explain how actions should be carried out (e.g., stir gently).
6. **How does a recipe differ from a story?** – A recipe gives instructions, while a story entertains.
7. **What punctuation is used in instructions?** – Bullet points, numbered lists, capital letters, full stops.
8. **Why do we test instructions?** – To check they are clear and easy to follow.
9. **What happens if instructions are in the wrong order?** – The final result may not work properly.
10. **How can we improve instructions?** – By making them clearer, using correct vocabulary, and testing them.