

Writing L2WLO6

A Recipe

Learning Outcome 6: Write simple instructions

EXPLORING WRITTEN ENGLISH

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING Writing Instructions

Instructions are sentences you write to tell people how to do something.

You use the base form of the verb to tell someone to do something (e.g. *Cut the vegetables.*)

You use *don't* + the base form of the verb to tell someone not to do something. (e.g. *Don't add sugar.*)

A Read the sentences. Check (✓) the ones that give instructions.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Don't forget to wash your hands. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Mix the chicken with the sauce. |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> I want you to make a pizza. | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm going to add the cheese. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Put the chicken into the pan. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Don't cook the sauce for too long. |

B Put the words in the correct order to make instructions from a recipe.

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| 1. in / some salt / put / the water | _____ |
| 2. the vegetables / the pan / in / cook | _____ |
| 3. with a knife / the / cut / carrots | _____ |
| 4. everything / together / mix | _____ |

EDITING PRACTICE Using Apostrophes

In English, you use apostrophes (') in short forms like *don't*. You write the apostrophe in the place where you took a letter out of the long form. For example, to make the short form of *do not*, you take out the letter *o*, so you write the apostrophe between *don* and *t*.

C Rewrite the short forms with apostrophes.

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| 1. didnt (did not) _____ | 3. wont (will not) _____ |
| 2. cant (cannot) _____ | 4. doesnt (does not) _____ |

WRITING TASK

GOAL You are going to write a recipe for a meal or snack.

PLANNING A Make notes for your recipe about the things below.

1. the things you need to do to make the meal or snack
2. anything that it's a bad idea to do while you're making the meal or snack
3. how you can write the instructions for the meal or snack, including at least five steps

FIRST DRAFT B Write a first draft of your recipe.

EDITING C Now use the questions below to edit your recipe.

- Did you write a recipe for making a meal or snack?
- Did you give instructions correctly?
- Did you use apostrophes correctly?
- Did you use vocabulary and grammar correctly?