

# READ A RECIPE LIKE A CHEF

HOW TO CLOSE READ A RECIPE IN 3 STEPS

## 1 READ FOR UNDERSTANDING

**DON'T TAKE NOTES. DON'T LET YOUR BRAIN WANDER. JUST READ IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH.**

## 2 READ FOR REQUIREMENTS

**YIELD** DECIDE WHETHER TO DOUBLE THE RECIPE, CUT IT IN HALF, OR MAKE IT AS WRITTEN.  
*WRITE "YIELD = AS WRITTEN/DOUBLE/TRIPLE" UNDER THE TITLE.*

### SUBSTITUTIONS AND CHANGES

STUDY THE INGREDIENT LIST - ESPECIALLY IF MULTIPLYING THE RECIPE.  
*DRAW A LINE THROUGH CHANGED ITEMS. REWRITE THE NEW INGREDIENT DIRECTLY BESIDE IT WITH MEASUREMENTS.*

**TOOLS** FIGURE OUT WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE RECIPE.  
*WRITE A TOOL AND EQUIPMENT LIST ON THE BOTTOM OR BACK OF THE PAGE.*

**TIMELINE** NOTE STEPS THAT **MUST** BE DONE **FIRST** OR SPECIAL PROCEDURES THAT WILL AFFECT THE COOKING TIME  
*DRAW A **SQUARE** AROUND PRIORITY INSTRUCTIONS. WRITE "DO THIS FIRST"*

## 3 READ FOR INSTRUCTIONS

**TERMS** **CIRCLE** EVERY WORD YOU ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU UNDERSTAND, ASK QUESTIONS OR LOOK IT UP ONLINE.  
*WRITE THE DEFINITION ON THE MARGIN.*

**PREPARATION** LOOK FOR SPECIAL METHODS OF MEASUREMENT OR PREPARATION  
*DESCRIBE THE SPECIALIZED STEPS ON THE MARGIN; DRAW AN → TO THAT ITEM*

**TIMING** *DRAW A ★ EVERYWHERE IN THE RECIPE WHERE IT DIRECTS THE COOK TO WAIT FOR A RESULT BEFORE CONTINUING*

**REMEMBER** TIMING IS GIVEN AS A GUIDE. BAKE BROWNIES FOR 30 TO 36 MINUTES MEANS THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 30 AND 36 MINUTE MARK, THE BROWNIES WILL PROBABLY BE DONE. HIGHLIGHT TIMING GUIDELINES.

**REMEMBER** DONENESS INDICATORS ARE GIVEN AS A RULE. IF THE BISCUITS SHOULD BE GOLDEN BROWN OR THE MELTING BUTTER SHOULD SMELL NUTTY, YOUR EYES AND NOSE CAN TELL YOU MORE THAN A DIGITAL TIMER WILL. HIGHLIGHT DONENESS INDICATORS.