

# Potions and Pies

Instructional text and imperative verbs to write recipes for mud pies and magic potions

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Writing



This task allows children to express creative flair in **Literacy** whilst organising and conveying information for a purpose.

## Activity Ideas

1. Pupils attempt to follow the recipe to the right noting that each imperative verb is emboldened.
2. Pupils design their own recipes for pies, potions or cocktails taking notes as they go.
3. Pupils write their own set of instructions.
4. Older pupils work outdoors with younger pupils to follow the instructions to create these new recipes.

## How to Bake a Mud Pie

### Ingredients

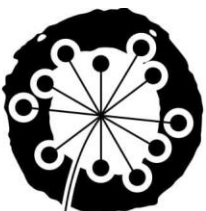
- 3 x cups of dirt
- 1 x cup of water
- Assorted toppings such as grass, petals or pebbles.

### Equipment

- 1 x cup
- 1 x sieve
- 1 x mixing bowl
- 1 x stick or spoon
- 1 x flat tray or board

### Method

1. **Sieve** the dirt into the mixing bowl to make sure it is smooth and free from sand, grit or stones.
2. Gradually **add** the cup of water to the dirt and stir the mixture.
3. The dirt and water should combine to make sticky black dough. **Roll** this into a ball.
4. **Press** the dough ball out onto a tray or board into a flattened circle.
5. **Decorate** the pie with your choice of toppings such as grass, petals or pebbles.
6. **Leave** the pie to bake hard – preferably in the sunshine and **serve** in slices with a cup of homemade garden cocktail.



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