

COOKIE RECIPE — TRANSCRIPT & NOTES

DIALOGUE

Hello, and welcome to Claire's Kitchen.

Today, I'm going to show you a simple recipe¹ for cookies.

Let's² start with the ingredients. You will need three cups of flour, one and a half teaspoons³ of baking powder, one cup of butter, one and a half cups of sugar, and one egg.

First⁴, mix the flour and baking powder in a bowl.

Then⁴, in another bowl, mix the sugar and butter. Next⁴, add the egg, and blend in the mixture from the first bowl.

Finally⁴, use a wooden spoon to put balls of the cookie dough⁵ onto a baking tray, and bake⁶ in the oven for ten minutes.

Allow the cookies to cool for a few minutes — but don't eat them all at once!

LISTENING

It has been said⁷ that England and America are two countries divided by a common language⁸, and much has been written⁹ about words that are chiefly¹⁰ used in one country or the other (for instance¹¹, eggplant in the US and aubergine in the UK). There are also words that exist in both¹² countries but have a different meaning depending on which side of the Atlantic¹³ you are on.

The word 'cookie' is a good example. In the UK, a cookie is a soft, moist¹⁴ biscuit. British cookies tend to be bigger and more substantial than a British biscuit. In the US, however, the word 'cookie' covers both what the British would call a biscuit and a cookie.

The word cookie comes from the Dutch¹⁵ *koekje*, meaning 'little cake', and could have been popularized in the US due to¹⁶ early Dutch colonization, though¹⁷ we don't know for sure.

Cookies are made in a wide variety of styles, using a range of ingredients including sugars, spices, chocolate, butter, peanut butter, nuts, or dried fruits. Some cookies are soft and others hard. The softness of the cookie depends on¹⁸ how long¹⁹ it is baked.

Now, what sort of cookie would you like with your tea²⁰?

QUESTIONS

- How well can you cook?
- What things can you cook?
- Where do you find your recipes?
- What is your favorite recipe?
- What's your opinion of TV cookery programmes?

LANGUAGE NOTES

1. **Recipe** is pronounced 'ressipy' (/ˈresəpi/ in phonetic transcription).
2. **Let's** is the short form of 'let us', the first person plural imperative. We only use 'let us' in very formal situations: *Let us pray*. However, we often use 'let's' to make suggestions which include ourselves: *Let's go to the cinema tonight*.
3. A **teaspoon** is a small spoon used for eating, for adding sugar to tea or coffee, or when cooking, for adding small amounts of a liquid or powder. A teaspoon (or teaspoonful) is also the amount of food or liquid that a teaspoon holds: *Add one teaspoon of sugar to the mixture*.
4. **First, Then, Next, and Finally** are examples of sequencing words. They are used to show the order in which something is done.
5. **Dough** rhymes with 'go'. The letter combination 'ough' can be pronounced in at least eight different ways in English!
6. You **bake** bread and cakes but you **roast** meat in the oven.
7. **It has been said** is an Impersonal Passive. In English, the Impersonal Passive is only possible with verbs of perception (e.g., say, think, know). Example: *They say that women live longer than men. – It is said that women live longer than men*.
8. This famous remark is generally attributed to the Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, though it is not found in any of his published works.
9. **Much has been written** is a passive sentence ('written' is the past participle of the irregular verb 'to write').
10. **Chiefly** is a synonym for 'mainly'.
11. **For instance** means the same as 'for example'.
12. Note that we say **both** and never '~~the both~~'.
13. Britain and America are separated by the Atlantic Ocean.
14. **Moist** means 'slightly wet'. It is often used to describe cakes: *The moist texture of cakes comes from the ingredients used, the method of preparation, and the baking time and temperature*.
15. **Dutch** is the adjective for the Netherlands, also known as Holland. Do not use it to describe things or people from Germany, which are German!
16. **Due to** means the same as 'as a result of'.
17. The conjunction **though** rhymes with 'go', and means the same as 'although'.
18. Note that we say 'depends **on**' (not 'of').
19. **How long** here refers to the length of time ('long' can refer to time or size): *How long is your swimming pool?*
20. **Tea** can be a drink or a meal. Here it's the drink.



COOKIE RECIPE — WORKSHEET

A. MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE PICTURES

bowl cup teaspoon cookie egg sugar cook kitchen
cooker recipe biscuit oven flour dough butter tray

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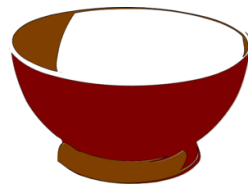
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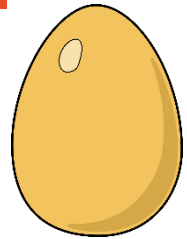
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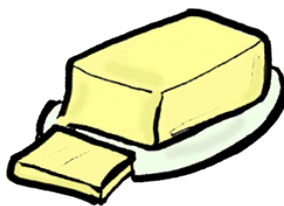
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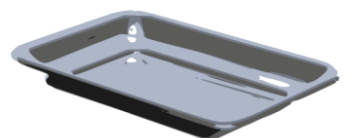
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B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

It has been (1) *said/told* that England and America are two countries (2) *divided/dividing* by a common language, and much has been (3) *wrote/written* about words that are chiefly (4) *used/using* in one country or the other (for instance, eggplant in the US and aubergine in the UK). There are also words that exist in (5) *both/two* countries but have a different meaning (6) *depends/depending* on which side of the Atlantic you are on.

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The word cookie comes from the Dutch *koekje*, (12) *means/meaning* 'little cake', and (13) *could/would* have been popularized in the US due to early Dutch colonization, (14) *even/though* we don't know for sure.

Cookies are (15) *made/making* in a wide variety of styles, (16) *used/using* a range of ingredients (17) *included/including* sugars, spices, chocolate, butter, peanut butter, nuts, or dried fruits. Some cookies are soft and others hard. The softness of the cookie (18) *depend/depends* on how long it is (19) *baked/baking*.

Now, what sort of cookie (20) *will/would* you like with your tea?

ANSWER KEY

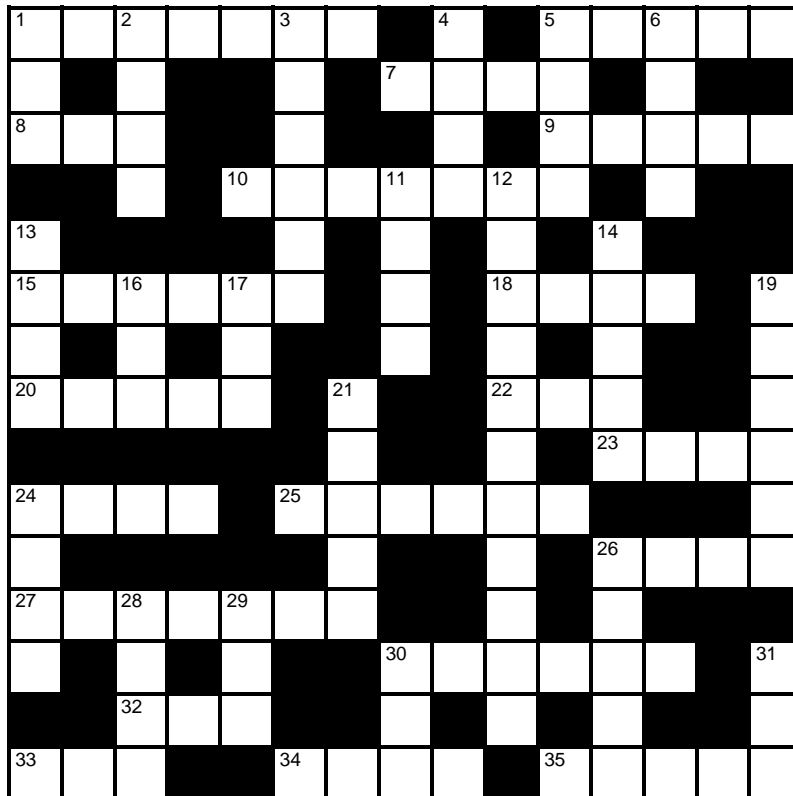
A. MATCH THE WORDS AND PICTURES

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| 1. oven | 9. sugar |
| 2. biscuit | 10. butter |
| 3. recipe | 11. cup |
| 4. cook | 12. teaspoon |
| 5. dough | 13. cookie |
| 6. cooker | 14. kitchen |
| 7. bowl | 15. flour |
| 8. egg | 16. tray |

B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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| 1. said | 11. call |
| 2. divided | 12. means |
| 3. written | 13. could |
| 4. used | 14. even |
| 5. both | 15. made |
| 6. depending | 16. using |
| 7. tend | 17. including |
| 8. bigger | 18. depends |
| 9. than | 19. baked |
| 10. what | 20. will |

COOKIE RECIPE — CROSSWORD



Web Version

Across

- 1 The art or practice of cooking (7)
- 5 Sweet substance added to food or drinks (5)
- 7 Water contains ____ calories (4)
- 8 Apple ____ is a popular dessert in the US (3)
- 9 White powder used to make bread, cakes, etc. (5)
- 10 British English for American cookie (7)
- 15 Easy to do (6)
- 18 We ____ all our own vegetables (4)
- 20 The number of calories in a cup of blackberries (5)
- 22 You need one for the cookie recipe (3)
- 23 The opposite of 'soft' (4)
- 24 Round container used for eating, preparing or serving food (4)
- 25 American biscuit (6)
- 26 Maize (4)
- 27 Room for cooking (7)
- 30 Solid yellow food made from cream (6)
- 32 Next, ____ the egg and mix thoroughly (3)
- 33 Cook in hot oil in a pan (3)
- 34 Alcoholic drink made from grapes (4)
- 35 This vegetable will make your eyes water (5)

Down

- 1 Container used for drinking or measuring (3)
- 2 Appliance used for cooking food (4)
- 3 Set of instructions for preparing a particular food (6)
- 4 List of food available in a restaurant, café, etc. (4)
- 5 Butter becomes ____ at room temperature (4)
- 6 ____ Housekeeping is a women's magazine with recipes (4)
- 11 No longer hot (4)
- 12 Things you need to make a particular dish (11)
- 13 This recipe ____ only two ingredients (4)
- 14 Mixture of flour, water, and fat (5)
- 16 Combine two or more ingredients (3)
- 17 Hens ____ eggs (3)
- 19 Made of wood (6)
- 21 Utensil used for eating, serving, or preparing food (5)
- 24 To make bread, cakes, etc. using an oven (4)
- 26 I hope your hands are ____! (5)
- 28 Flat object used for carrying plates or food (4)
- 29 I ____ pizza for lunch (3)
- 30 Small, round cake (3)
- 31 Round metal container used for cooking (3)

SOLUTION

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COOKIE RECIPE — WORD SEARCH



Web Version

Add

Bake

Biscuit

Bowl

Butter

Cookery

Cookie

Cool

Cup

Dough

Egg

Flour

Hard

Ingredients

Kitchen

Mix

Oven

Recipe

Simple

Soft

Spoon

Sugar

Tray

Wooden

SOLUTION

