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# Making Connections Between Steps

PART 1

## Introduction

THEME: >>> Taking Action

Instructional text tells you how to do something. Recipes, directions, and manuals are examples of instructional writing. Many times, instructions will have **steps**. Writers tell you how to do something one step at a time. When reading instructions, it is important to follow the steps in order to have a successful outcome.

### Read the recipe.

Making pizza is fun! It is easy too, with just a little help. An adult must do steps 1 and 6. An adult can also help you with the other parts. Just ask!

#### Basic Pizza

1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
2. Take pizza dough from the refrigerator. Make it into a circle. Place it in the middle of a pizza stone. Use your fingers to flatten the dough. Push out from the middle. The center of the dough should be about inch thick.  
**Important:** Make sure to leave a thick bump around the outside of the pizza. This is the crust! It will make sure the toppings don't fall off!
3. Place 1 cup of tomato sauce in the center. Use the back of a big spoon to spread out the sauce. Move the sauce in big circles. Be sure not to put sauce on the crust.
4. Add shredded cheese. Use your hands to put it on the sauce.
5. Add toppings like pepperoni, chicken, or vegetables.
6. Place pizza stone with pizza in the oven. Bake about 15 minutes, or until the crust is brown. Cut and enjoy your pizza!



Appetizers

Desserts

Snacks

Fill in the blanks to show how steps 3, 4, and 5 of the recipe are connected.

1 In step 3, you put \_\_\_\_\_ on the pizza.

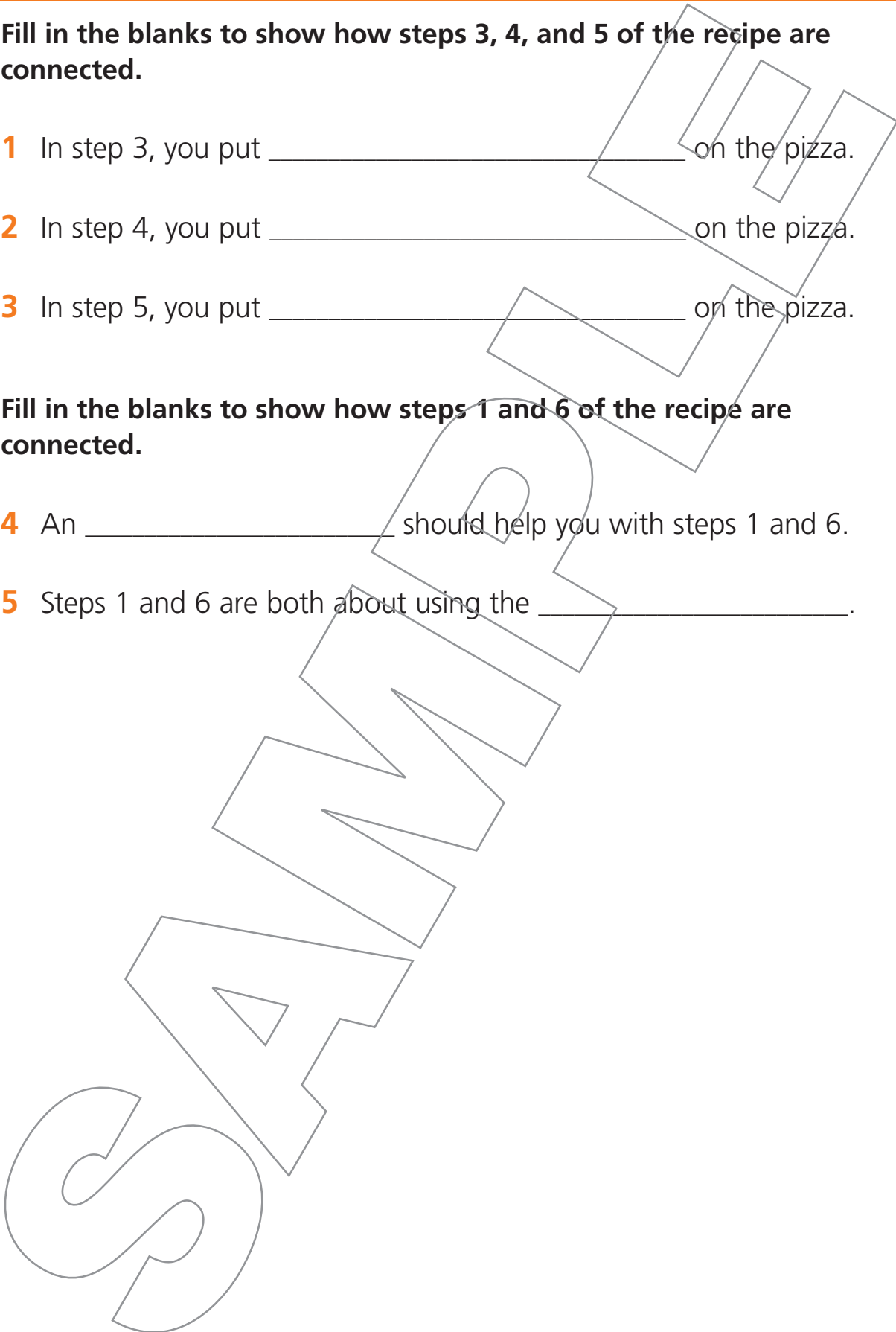
2 In step 4, you put \_\_\_\_\_ on the pizza.

3 In step 5, you put \_\_\_\_\_ on the pizza.

Fill in the blanks to show how steps 1 and 6 of the recipe are connected.

4 An \_\_\_\_\_ should help you with steps 1 and 6.

5 Steps 1 and 6 are both about using the \_\_\_\_\_.



Read the first part of the recipe. Then answer the questions.

## Caramel Corn

7 quarts plain popped popcorn

2 cups brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup light corn syrup

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup margarine

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Place the popcorn into two greased baking pans. Set aside.
2. Now, you will make the caramel. Preheat the oven to 250°F. Combine the brown sugar, corn syrup, margarine, and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Keep on stove 5 minutes while stirring constantly.



Main Dishes

Appetize

### Think About It



**How does step 2 connect to the list at the top of the recipe?**

Each step is connected to the one before it. If you miss a step or do it wrong, the food may taste bad!

What is the second step? \_\_\_\_\_

How is it connected to the list at the top? \_\_\_\_\_

**A CLOSER LOOK**

Circle the steps that tell you how to cook the caramel.  
Underline the steps that tell you how to prepare the corn.

Continue reading the recipe. Then answer the question.

3. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in baking soda and vanilla. The mixture will be light and foamy. Immediately pour over the popcorn in the pans and stir.
4. Bake for 1 hour. Stir every 15 minutes.
5. Line the countertop with waxed paper. Pour the popcorn on to the waxed paper and separate the pieces. Allow to cool before eating.

Appetizers

Desserts

Reread steps 2 and 4 to see what you are cooking in each step.

Why is it important to do step 2 before step 4?

- A** You have to bake the popcorn before you stir it.
- B** You have to pop the popcorn before you put it on the waxed paper.
- C** You have to cook the caramel before you bake the popcorn.
- D** You have to put out the waxed paper before you cool the popcorn.

**DISCUSS IT**

One of the first steps is to preheat the oven to 250°F. This is because it takes time to get the oven warm. It is the step that gets the oven ready for baking the popcorn in steps 4 and 5. Talk to a partner about what would happen if you forgot to preheat the oven.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

Box the text that describes the different talents a clown might have.

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

**Learn How to Be a Clown**

Do you like to make people laugh? Learn to be a clown in these easy steps:

1. Choose the kind of clown that is most like you. Are you a girl or a boy clown? Are you a fancy clown or a shabby clown? Are you a prankster clown or a serious clown? Are you a baby clown or an old clown? Are you a dancing clown or a clumsy clown?
2. Choose a name that fits your clown. Your name can fit how you look, how you act, or what you do. You can add other words to your real name.
3. Choose a costume for your clown. Find used clothes in thrift shops that fit your kind of clown. Use clothes that are too small or too big. Use clothes that do not match. Use hats, glasses, suspenders, or other items for your costume. Look for clown noses, ears, and shoes in costume stores.
4. Choose your clown face. First, draw and color your clown face on paper. Use makeup to cover your face. Then use bright colors to show off your eyes, nose, cheeks, or mouth.
5. Choose your act. Think about what you do that makes people laugh. Can you speak in a funny voice? Can you play music? Can you tumble? How can you do something in a silly way? What props do you need?



A fancy clown would dress differently than a shabby clown.

Your clown face should show what kind of clown you are.

Reread step 1 and step 5 to see what they have in common.

- 1 Why does step 1 come before step 3?
  - A Choosing the kind of clown you are will help you choose your clown costume.
  - B Choosing your clown name will help you choose your clown act.
  - C Choosing your clown costume will help you choose your clown name.
  - D Choosing your clown face will help you choose your clown costume.

2 How can steps 1 and 3 help you choose your clown face in step 4?

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3 How is the last step in this process related to the first step?

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Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Going Camping

### Sleep on the Ground!

For a short camping trip, pine branches make a great bed instead of a sleeping bag. Sometimes a rubber blanket is spread on the ground. Campers then roll themselves up in their blankets. Here are some tips for sleeping when camping.

1. Try to make the bed in the afternoon while it is sunny and warm.
2. To make the bed, clear the ground of twigs and stones. The space should be about 6 feet long by 3 feet wide.
3. Dig a small shallow hole about midway in the bed space. This is the "hip hole." It will make your bed comfortable. To make a "hip hole":
  - a. Pull out the rubber blanket.
  - b. Lie on it to find the area where your hip lands. Put your hand here.
  - c. Fold back the rubber blanket to where your hand is.
  - d. Make a little hole in the dirt here.
4. Replace the rubber blanket. Add a woolen blanket. Put a pillow where your head goes.
5. Fold the blankets over you.



**Keep Warm!**

Here is how to keep warm while sleeping on the ground.

6. Lie flat on your back. Spread a blanket over you.
7. Raise your legs from the hip, keeping the blanket over them.
8. In two quick movements, tuck one blanket edge under your legs from right to left, then the second edge under from left to right and over the first edge.
9. Lower your legs. Wrap your shoulders in the blanket. Go to sleep.

If you roll over in your sleep, one blanket edge will remain tight even if the other unwinds.

**1 Part A**

What is the first step for making a camping bed on the ground?

- A wait for the sun to rise
- B clear away twigs and stones
- C buy a rubber blanket
- D look for a pine tree

**Part B**

How is this first step connected to the other steps?

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2 Why do the steps for keeping warm come after the steps for sleeping on the ground?

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3 How are steps a, b, c, and d under step 3 connected?

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4 How are the steps in **Keep Warm!** connected to adding a woolen blanket in step 4?

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