



2 READING

- a Read *Jake cooks!* Who is it for?
- People who know how to cook very well.
 - People who want to learn how to cook.

Jake cooks!

Hi everyone and welcome to my cooking blog. I'm not a good cook, but I want to become better. I just want to learn how to cook simple dishes and eat well. I don't want to cook difficult things and I don't want to be a famous chef. In this blog, I want to tell you about the help I get from my family and friends and the things I try out. So if you want to be a better cook, but not a chef, then maybe I can help you!

- b Read *My food – shared!*. What does Jake talk about?

- the food he eats
- planning a dinner

- c Read *My food – shared!* again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- Jake hopes the blog can help other people plan dinner for friends.
- It's not a good idea to invite a lot of people for dinner.
- It's always fun to try a new dish because friends can tell you if it's good or not.
- Decide the night of the dinner and then tell your friends.
- It helps to do all the cooking before your friends come.

3 WRITING SKILLS Making the order clear

- a In Jake's blog, the words *first* and *next* help make the order clear. Underline two more phrases in the blog that also make the order clear.

- b Answer the questions.

Which two phrases can we change with *then*?
What punctuation do we use after these phrases?

- c Read the recipe for a bean salad. Only sentences 1 and 5 are in the correct order. Put the other sentences in the correct order.

- Cook the beans in hot water with a little salt.
- Add salt and pepper and mix everything together.
- Put lemon and oil on the warm beans – not too much.
- Leave the beans until they are warm.
- Place the bean salad in a nice bowl and serve to your guests.

- d Add the words in the box to the sentences in 3c.

first after that next then finally

First, cook the beans in hot water...

My food – shared!

Do you like the idea of cooking dinner for friends? Here are my ideas for planning a dinner for friends – I hope you find them useful...

First, think about how many people you want to invite. Don't invite too many – I think four people is a good number.

Next, ring or email to invite your friends and all agree on a night that's good for everyone.

After that, decide on your menu. Only choose food that you know how to prepare. Don't choose new and difficult dishes – it's just too hard. Your friends know that you are not a chef and your house is not a restaurant!

Finally, on the day of the dinner, you need a lot of time to prepare everything – the food and the table. (The weekend is good because you have all day to prepare.) If everything is ready before your guests arrive, you can enjoy the dinner much more.

Cooking for friends can be easy and fun. I hope it is for you!

4 WRITING

- a Plan a blog about something you know how to do.
- What are good ideas to become better?
 - What's a good order to do things?
- b Write your blog. Use *My food – shared!* to help you.
- c Swap blogs with another student and check the order is clear.