

How to Write the Perfect Magic Spell!



Rules for Magic Spells

The following rules have been created to allow the safe practice of conducting spells.

Warning:

- All spells are to be carried out by children only. (Adults tend to change the ingredients!)
- Some spells may cause laughter, dizziness or uncontrollable giggling – use with caution.



Step 1: Write Your Ingredients

It is very important to include all of the ingredients needed to perform your spell.

The exact amount of each ingredient needs to be included (as we don't want any unfortunate surprises!).

Example:

To make Wonderful Witch Stew

- One large teaspoon of frog slime
- 200g of wriggly worms
- A dash of lightning



Step 2: Number Your Instructions

When writing instructions, it is important to break them down into simple steps.

These steps are easier to read if they are in bullet points or a numbered list.

Example:

1. First, preheat the oven to 350°C.
2. Then, dice the carrots into small pieces.
3. Next, add the eyeballs and mix well.

Step 3: Check Your Punctuation

When you are remembering lots of instructions, it is easy to forget your punctuation.

Remember to check that your instructions start with a capital letter and end with an appropriate piece of punctuation.



Example:

1. First, add the 7 newts to the bowl.
2. Break the chocolate into small pieces and add it to the bowl (ensuring that the newts don't eat it all!).

Step 4: New Idea, New Line

When writing a set of instructions, each instruction needs to begin on a new line. This makes it easier to read.

Example:

1. First, chop the 4 small onions into slices.
2. Then, boil them slowly for 25 minutes (or until your eyes are watering!).
3. Add slugs to the mixture and boil for a further 10 minutes.



Step 5: Use Adverbials of Time

Adverbials of time are words that tell you when a verb will happen.



Step 6: Use Imperative Verbs

Imperative verbs demand that you do something.

Examples:

Stir

Mash

Cut

Wash

Boil

Cook



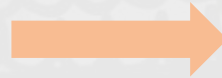
Step 7: Use Adverbs

Adverbs are used to describe a verb.

Examples:

Stir the mixture until it boils.

The verb = stir

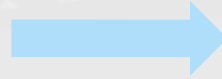


Quickly stir the mixture until it boils.

Adverb = quickly

Mash the rainbows into a powder.

The verb = mash



Mash the rainbows carefully into a powder.

Adverb = carefully

Remember...

Write your ingredients in a list.

Number or bullet point your instructions.

Check your punctuation.

New idea, new line.

Use adverbials of time, e.g. first, then, next, finally.

Use imperative verbs, e.g. stir, mix, mash.

Use an adverb to describe the verb.

E.g. Quickly mix the ingredients to ensure they don't explode!





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