Taro and the Missing Instructions

A useful recipe tells the whole journey.



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Taro wanted to teach his cousin how to make banana oat bites with Mum. He drew a banana, a bowl and a tray. "My recipe is ready," he announced.



His cousin Mena looked at the pictures. She put the whole unpeeled banana in the bowl. Taro laughed, then stopped. His picture had not shown the peeling part.



Mum helped them begin again. They washed their hands. Taro drew a tap and two paws at the very start. Mena pointed to the banana. "What comes next?"



Taro added a picture of the peel being removed. Then he drew a fork mashing the fruit in the bowl. His recipe began to stretch across the table.



Mum measured the oats using her recipe. Taro drew the measuring cup and wrote the amount with her help. A bowl picture alone did not say how much to add.



Mena stirred while Taro watched. "You forgot the spoon," she said. He added a spoon. They were finding the hidden steps by actually following them.



Mum handled the hot oven and baking tray. Taro drew a grown-up beside that step, with a large space around the oven. This was a job to ask for help with.



While the bites baked, they checked the picture strip from the beginning. Wash, peel, mash, measure, mix. Each action had its own place. Nothing happened simply because Taro knew it.



Mum took the tray out and put it somewhere safe to cool. Mena reached for the picture strip. "We need a waiting picture," she said. Taro drew an hourglass.



When Mum said the bites were cool enough, they tasted one each. Taro's was soft and banana-sweet. Mena's grin left a tiny crumb beside her nose.



They wrote "Follow a grown-up's recipe" at the top of their picture guide. It was a reminder strip, not a guess at amounts or cooking times.



Taro gave Mena the finished strip. "I thought three pictures were enough," he said. Mena counted the steps. "Now your recipe remembers the bits your head already knew."

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Which step did Taro forget first?

How did trying the instructions help him improve them?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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