

Writing Activity 9: Directions (How to Do Something)

Step Follow along as the directions on how to make a banana split are read.

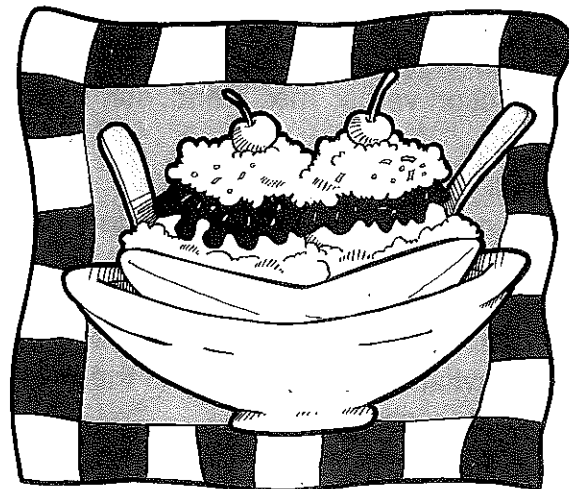
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How To Make A Banana Split

A banana split is a great dessert that's easy to make. Banana splits require the following ingredients: bananas, ice cream, hot fudge or chocolate sauce, whipped cream, chopped peanuts, and cherries. You will also need boat-shaped dishes, an ice cream spoon, a dull knife, and serving spoons.

1. The first and most important ingredient in a banana split is the banana. Start by peeling a banana. Then, using a dull knife, carefully slice the banana lengthwise so you have two canoe shaped slices.
2. Place the banana slices in a boat-shaped dish or any dish that is long enough to hold the slices. If you don't have a long dish, cut each banana slice in half and place all four pieces in a bowl.
3. Next, you will need your ice cream. Most people prefer vanilla ice cream on their banana splits, but you can serve any flavor you like. Scoop out two spoonfuls of ice cream and place them side-by-side on your bananas.
4. Now it is time for the hot fudge or chocolate sauce. Pour as much as you would like all over the banana slices and scoops of ice cream.
5. At this time, sprinkle three spoonfuls of peanuts onto the banana split. If you have any other favorite toppings you would like to enjoy on your dessert, add them now.

Finally, put some whipped cream on each scoop of ice cream, and top off your delicious banana split with two cherries. Serve the banana split to a friend, or enjoy this wonderful dessert by yourself.



Step

2

There are several things to keep in mind as you plan and write your directions. Remember, good directions have the following parts:

- a beginning that tells what the directions will explain how to do
- a description of what is needed to complete the task
- steps are given in order (directions may be written line by line or in paragraph form)
- a starting and ending point are included
- begin your directions with an opening statement and end with a concluding sentence

Step

3

Use the following prompt to complete the prewriting and writing activities:

A friend has asked you how to make your favorite food. Write a set of directions to make your favorite food so your friend can follow them easily. Once your directions are written, have your friend follow them exactly.

Step

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Complete the graphic organizer for directions on how to do something as your prewriting activity. Use your graphic organizer to help you think through your directions.

DIRECTIONS

How To Do Something

How To: _____

What is needed to begin...

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:

Finally: