

# Baking Badly

Read each source below. Then complete the activities on pages 40–41.

## Source 1

***mise en place*** (pronounced *MEEZ en plas*) — French for “put in place”; in cooking, this term refers to the organizing and arranging of ingredients and equipment prior to cooking

## Source 2

### Aunt Edna’s Brownies

#### Ingredients

1 cup sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup melted butter	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour
2 large eggs	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup cocoa powder

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the first three ingredients until well combined.
3. Add salt, flour, and cocoa powder to the egg mixture. Stir lightly.
4. Pour batter into a lightly greased 8" × 8" pan. Use a rubber spatula to smooth the mixture.
5. Bake for 20–25 minutes. Let cool before slicing.

## Source 3

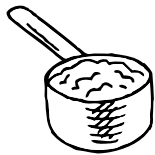
Dear Diary.

Things did not exactly go as planned today. I made Aunt Edna’s famous brownies for Lisa’s party, and they were really bad! In fact, I’m certain they could officially be called inedible. How did that happen? I read the recipe carefully. I even made an effort to be organized. I got my *mise en place* ready before I started cooking—just like they do on the fancy cooking shows Mom and I watch on TV. But clearly, something was very wrong with these brownies. I took one bite and had to spit it out. It tasted like a sweaty gym sock dipped in chocolate. It was the worst thing anyone has ever eaten. I’d better keep practicing if I’m ever going to be a contestant on *Kids in the Kitchen*.

Confused and embarrassed,  
Dee

## Source 4

### Dee’s *Mise en Place*



1 cup sugar



$\frac{1}{3}$  cup melted butter



2 large eggs



$\frac{1}{4}$  cup salt



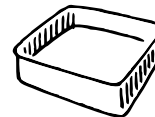
$\frac{3}{4}$  cup flour



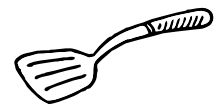
$\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoa powder



bowl



pan



spatula



# Baking Badly *(cont.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4:** Refer back to the sources, and use complete sentences to answer these questions.

**11.** A writer or speaker uses *hyperbole* if he or she exaggerates greatly. In Source 3, find a quote that shows Dee using hyperbole. Write the exact quote, and then explain why it is an example of hyperbole.

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

Why?: \_\_\_\_\_

**12.** What did Dee do wrong? Why did her brownies taste awful? Use the information provided in the sources to explain your answer.

**13.** Name a food you like to eat for breakfast. Write it on the line. Your breakfast food can be as simple as cereal or as complicated as a fancy omelet. In the space below, draw your *mise en place* for your breakfast food. (Hint: Don't forget to include the equipment needed to make and eat the food.)

**Name of Food:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your *Mise en Place*:**

# Answer Key *(cont.)*

12. The calendar was not defective. There will not be a February 29th in the year 2100. On the Gregorian calendar, there are no leap days in years that are exactly divisible by 100 (which 2100 is) unless they are also exactly divisible by 400 (which 2100 is not).
13. Yes. Answers will vary.

## Unit 11. Baking Badly (page 39)

### Part 1

1. Source 1                      3. Source 2  
2. Sources 2 and 4          4. Sources 2 and 3

### Part 2

5. D              6. A              7. B              8. B

### Part 3

*The source number is given in parentheses.*

9. inedible (3)              10. contestant (3)

### Part 4

11. Accept reasonable responses. The best example of hyperbole in Source 3 might be the statement, "It was the worst thing anyone has ever eaten." Students should explain that this is hyperbole because it is a greatly exaggerated claim. As bad as the brownies were, they could not have been the worst thing that has ever been eaten in the history of mankind.
12. Dee's brownies were awful because she used way too much salt. The recipe in Source 1 calls for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a teaspoon of salt, but in Dee's *mise en place* (Source 4), we can see that she used  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cup of salt. This may explain why they tasted like "sweaty gym socks dipped in chocolate."
13. Accept appropriate responses. Students should draw the ingredients and the equipment needed to make a breakfast food. For example, if the chosen food was cereal, students might draw a cereal box, milk, a bowl, and a spoon.

## Unit 12. The Winning Whiskers (page 42)

### Part 1

1. Source 2                      3. Sources 1, 2, and 3  
2. Source 4                      4. Source 3

### Part 2

5. D              6. A              7. C              8. B

### Part 3

*The source number is given in parentheses.*

9. 1,855,993 (4); 1,381,944 (4)  
10. Dear Sir (1), My dear little Miss (2)

### Part 4

11. "if I was a man I would vote for you"
12. A. Electoral. B. Popular. You can tell this is true because the pie chart on the left shows a section (labeled Lincoln) that is larger than half of the pie. The only number in the Source 4 chart that is over 50% is Lincoln's electoral vote (59.4%). Also, Douglas had a much larger percentage of the popular vote than he did of the electoral vote. His section is much larger in the circle on the right.
13. Accept reasonable responses. A student might say that Lincoln's beard did help him win because it set him apart from the other candidates, none of whom had beards, judging from the pictures in Source 4. However, it would be more accurate to say that there is not enough information provided to make the determination that Lincoln's beard had anything to do with the election results. In fact, his beard would have been nowhere near fully grown on November 6, the day of the election.

## Unit 13. Friggatriskaidekaphobia! (page 46)

### Part 1

1. Source 2                      3. Sources 1 and 4  
2. Source 3                      4. Sources 1 and 3

### Part 2

5. C              6. A              7. B              8. D

### Part 3

*The source number is given in parentheses.*

9. 31313 (1)                      10. RSVP'd (3)

### Part 4

11. March 13, 2013. From the invitation (Source 1), we know that the party is on March 13, 2026. We also know that she is turning 13 ("Our little Eve is officially becoming a teenager!"). From Source 4, we know the meaning of the term "golden birthday," which tells us that Eve is turning 13 on the 13th. Students might also mention that Eve's e-mail address contains the number "31313", which could stand for her birth date (3/13/13).