



NOW WE'RE COOKIN'

Today you will write a recipe for how to get someone to write every day. Don't forget to include a list of ingredients and step-by-step instructions. In lieu of a picture of the completed dish, you will use personal anecdotes and writing samples to demonstrate your point.

Even though you are writing about writing, you will be using words found in actual cooking recipes. Pick a number between 1 and 5, and locate it below. This is a list of words you must use in your "How to Write Every Day" recipe.

1. sauté, quarter, cup, roll, sprinkle, dollop, whisk
2. stir, mix, chop, drain, boil, tablespoon, dissolve
3. simmer, steam, slice, pound, melt, toss, heat
4. grease, roast, fold, rub, cook, bake, tender, shake
5. spoon, blend, season, grind, peel, mince, press

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Editing is like skimming the fat off the top of the pot of soup. Just like you don't want to put excess fat in your body, you don't want to leave extraneous words, sentences, paragraphs, and chapters in your writing. Hopefully this visual will make it easier to go back to a piece and trim the fat (edit), thereby improving it dramatically. Try your hand at this exercise or another piece of writing.