

Friendly Neighbours – Borrowing Ingredients

Borrowing a cup of sugar from your neighbour saves you a trip to the supermarket and is a great way to make contact with your neighbours. So why not turn it into a classroom activity.

English Level: A1 / A2

Function: Asking to borrow something

Structures: Have you got? I have got? I need ..? Can I have.. ? No, I haven't got ..., etc.

Vocabulary: Ingredients for baking, measurements, numbers

Step-by-Step Instructions:

- Divide your class in groups of 4.
- Hand out a recipe for each student and ask them to look at the list of ingredients they need and to check what they have in their cupboard and how much of it. Ask them to mark or take notes on what they still need for their recipe.
- Write the structures they will need to ask for the ingredients on the board.

Hi, I'm your neighbour.
 My name is ...
 Nice to meet you.
 I want to bake
 I haven't got ...
 Have you got...?
 I need ... teaspoons of ...?
 Can I borrow ...?
 Yes, I've got grams of
 No, I haven't got

- Within each group of 4, ask your students to pair up and ask each other for the ingredients they need and how much of it.
- After they have exchanged ingredients with one partner, ask them to pair up with another partner to get more ingredients, and so on.
- The object of the exercise is for the students to have all the ingredients they need to bake the muffins by borrowing from their neighbours.

Apricot-Crumble-Muffins

Ingredients:

230 g flour
 2 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp baking soda (Natron)
 140 g brown sugar
 80 ml sunflower oil
 240 g butter milk
 240 g apricots (cut in pieces)
 1 egg

For the crumble:

70g flour
 1 tsp cinnamon (= Zimt)
 45 g brown sugar
 65 g butter (soft)

In your cupboard you have got:

570 g flour
 200 g sunflower oil
 200 g butter milk
 150 g blueberries
 4 eggs
 100 g butter

g = grams
 tsp = teaspoon
 tbl = tablespoon
 ml = millilitre

Apricot-Raisin-Muffins

Ingredients:

260 g	flour
1 ½ tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	baking soda (Natron)
½ tsp	lemon zest (geriebene Zitronenschale)
60 g	raisins
270 g	apricots (cut in pieces)
45 g	brown sugar
80 ml	sunflower oil
180 g	butter milk
1 tsp	vanilla extract
1	egg

g = grams
 tsp = teaspoon
 tbl = tablespoon
 ml = millilitre

In your cupboard you have got:

4 tsp baking powder
100 g raisins
250 g apricots
250 g brown sugar
250 ml milk
2 tsp cinnamon

Blueberry Muffins

Ingredients:

260 g	flour
1 ½ tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	baking soda (=Natron)
1 tbl	orange zest (=geriebene Orangenschale)
140 g	brown sugar
80 ml	sunflower oil
250 ml	orange juice
1	egg
200 g	blueberries

g = grams
 tsp = teaspoon
 tbl = tablespoon
 ml = millilitre

In your cupboard you have got:

500 g flour
 2 tsp baking soda
 2 tsp lemon zest
 120 g sunflower oil
 500 ml orange juice
 150 g blueberries

Blueberry-Apple-Muffins

Ingredients:

250 g	flour
3 tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	cinnamon (=Zimt)
1 tsp	lemon zest (=geriebene Zitronenschale)
120 g	apples (cut in small pieces)
140 g	brown sugar
80 ml	sunflower oil
250 ml	milk
1	egg
100 g	blueberries

g = grams
 tsp = teaspoon
 tbl = tablespoon
 ml = millilitre

In your cupboard you have got:

4 tsp baking powder
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 tbl orange zest
150 g apples
260 g brown sugar
220 g butter milk
260 g apricots