Let's Read a Recipe: Awesome Chocolate Chip Cookies!

Do you love yummy, gooey chocolate chip cookies? Today, we're going on a reading adventure to learn exactly how to make them! Reading recipes is like following a treasure map to deliciousness. Pay close attention to the steps and ingredients!

Materials You'll Need (for Reading):

- This lesson page
- A pencil or pen
- Paper (optional, for notes or drawing)

Reading Time: Super Simple Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

Read the recipe below carefully. Notice the ingredients (what you need) and the instructions (what you do).

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) softened butter
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Instructions:

- 1. **Get Ready:** Ask a grown-up to help you preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2. **Mix Wet Stuff:** In a big bowl, beat the softened butter, white sugar, and brown sugar together until smooth and creamy.
- 3. Add Eggs & Vanilla: Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla extract.
- 4. Mix Dry Stuff: In a separate, smaller bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt.
- 5. **Combine:** Slowly add the dry ingredients (from the small bowl) to the wet ingredients (in the big bowl). Mix until just combined don't mix too much!
- 6. Add Chocolate: Gently stir in the chocolate chips.
- 7. **Scoop:** Drop rounded spoonfuls of dough onto ungreased baking sheets, about 2 inches apart.
- 8. **Bake:** Bake for 9 to 11 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown.
- 9. **Cool Down:** Let the cookies cool on the baking sheets for a few minutes before moving them to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 10. Enjoy! Share your delicious cookies!

Reading Check-Up!

Let's see how well you read the recipe! Answer these questions:

- 1. What is the very first step in the instructions (after getting ready)?
- 2. What ingredients are mixed together in the 'Mix Wet Stuff' step?
- 3. What ingredients are mixed in the separate, smaller bowl?
- 4. How long should you bake the cookies?
- 5. What should you do with the cookies right after they come out of the oven?
- 6. What does the word 'softened' mean when talking about butter? (Hint: Think about how it feels!)

Fun Extension Activity:

On a piece of paper, draw pictures for 3 different steps from the recipe instructions. Write a short sentence under each picture explaining what is happening.

Great job reading today! Understanding instructions is a super important skill, and now you know how to read a recipe for tasty cookies!