Comprehension Practice (2) – non-fictional text

Date: _Key answer_

Read the text and answer the questions.

How to make a sponge cake

<u>Preparation time:</u> 10 minutes / serves 6 people

You will need

- 175 g softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
- 3 medium eggs
- 1 tsp baking powder

What to do

1. First, beat the butter and sugar using an electric whisk until the mixture is light and fluffy.
2. Beat the eggs altogether lightly. Then, add gradually to the butter and sugar mix, beating continuously.
3. Next, mix the baking powder in with the flour.
4. After that, sift the flour into the butter mix and gently fold in.
5. Finally, spoon the mixture into two shallow cake tins and bake in the oven for 25 minutes.

Be careful! The oven is too hot!

Comprehension questions:

1. Is this text fiction or non-fiction? Why?

   Non-fiction, because it gives real information and facts

2. What genre of text is How to make a sponge cake?

   _____ _instructional text_ _____

3. Which of the following features are found in the text? Tick four boxes.

   [✓] advice/warning   [✓] numbered points

   [ ] characters   [✓] headings

   [✓] adverbs   [ ] plot

4. How many people can this recipe feed? ___ _6 people_ _____

5. How should you add the eggs to the butter mixture?

   _____ _gradually_ _____

6. What is the main heading of the text?

   ___ _How to make a sponge cake_ _____

7. Find two bossy verbs in the numbered point 4 and write them on the lines below.

   _____ _sift_ _____

   _____ _fold in_ _____

8. What should be done after mixing the baking powder with the flour?

Sift the flour into the butter mix and gently fold

time words

9. Find five words that the writer uses to help the reader follow the order of the steps.

a. _First_

b. _Next_

c. _Then_

d. _After that_

e. _Finally_