

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Leon's teacher asked him to write a story about a time when he learned a new skill. Read Leon's story and look for any corrections he should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Making Pancakes

(1) My mother does most of the cooking around our house, but on Sunday mornings, it's all Dad. (2) I'm not sure why Sunday breakfast is my father's job, but I'm glad that it is. (3) My sister and I love the steaming stacks of buttery, syrupy goodness he puts on our plates.

(4) One Sunday morning my father called me into the kitchen to help make the pancakes. (5) I was thrilled. (6) "What do I do first," I asked eagerly. (7) My hands moved almost instantly toward the spatula.

(8) "First you need to read the directions on the back of the box," my father answered.

(9) "Surely you can just tell me what to do," I responded matter-of-factly.

(10) "Yes, but then you wouldn't remember later, would you?" he asked. (11) I knew he was serious, so I got down to reading. (12) Soon I had measured out the right amount of mix from the pancake box and added the milk and eggs.

(13) "Make sure that you don't leave any lumps," Dad instructed while I stired the mixture. (14) "If you do, there will be little powder bombs inside the pancakes." (15) As I finished mixing, I took special care to break up all the lumps. (16) Finally the batter was ready. (17) I made a move for the griddle, but my father stopped me.

(18) "I thought we were ready to start cooking," I complained.

(19) Dad explained that we needed to wait for the light on the griddle to come on. (20) Otherwise, the pancakes would stick to the surface, we would have a big mess to clean up then.

(21) When the light came on, Dad showed me how to pour the correct amount of batter onto the griddle.

(22) It didn't seem like such a small amount would be enough to make a pancake but I soon realized just how

much the batter spreads out. (23) I also realized how important it is to properly space the pancakes so that they don't run together. (24) My father was very clear about how long to wait. (25) Before trying to flip the pancakes over. (26) "Look for solid bubbles to form on top of each pancake," he instructed.

(27) "This one looks ready," I blurted out. (28) Before he could stop me, I smeared the undercooked pancake with my spatula. (29) While I scraped my impatience off the griddle, Dad showed me what he meant by "solid bubbles" and then taught me how to flip the pancakes correct. (30) I was impressed by his skill. (31) I tried to mimic his actions when I got a second chance at flipping.

(32) Before long Dad and I had a nice stack of pancakes. (33) As I served them with pride to my mother and sister, I began to understand why my father likes to make breakfast on Sunday mornings. (34) It's fun to see how much other people enjoy your creations. (35) And I discovered something else that morning, too. (36) I learned that cooking takes more patience and attention to detail than I had ever dreamed!



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- 6 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 6?
- F Change the comma to a question mark
 - G Delete the quotation marks after the comma
 - H Change ***eagerly*** to **eager**
 - J Make no change
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- 7 What change should be made in sentence 13?
- A Change the comma after ***lumps*** to a period
 - B Change ***instructed*** to **instructing**
 - C Change ***stired*** to **stirred**
 - D No change should be made in sentence 13.
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- 8 What is the correct way to write sentence 20?
- F Otherwise, the pancakes would stick to the surface. And have a big mess to clean up.
 - G Otherwise, the pancakes would stick to the surface then we would have a big mess to clean up.
 - H Otherwise, the pancakes would stick to the surface, and we would have a big mess to clean up.
 - J The sentence is written correctly in the paper.

9 What change should be made in sentence 22?

- A Change ***didn't*** to ***did'nt***
- B Insert a comma after ***pancake***
- C Change ***spreads out*** to ***spread out***
- D Sentence 22 should not be changed.

10 What is the correct way to write sentences 24 and 25?

- F My father was very clear about this. How long to wait before trying to flip the pancakes over.
- G My father was very clear. About how long to wait before trying to flip the pancakes over.
- H My father was very clear about this he told me how long to wait before trying to flip the pancakes over.
- J My father was very clear about how long to wait before trying to flip the pancakes over.

11 How should sentence 29 be changed?

- A** Change *scraped* to **scrapped**
- B** Insert a comma after *bubbles*
- C** Change *taught* to **teached**
- D** Change *correct* to **correctly**

12 What change needs to be made in sentence 36?

- F** Change *that* to **this**
- G** Change *takes* to **take**
- H** Insert a comma after *patience*
- J** Change *then* to **than**

BE SURE YOU HAVE RECORDED ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS
ON THE ANSWER DOCUMENT.

