

## B1.6 Instructions and Recipes - Handout

- 1 These instructions all use imperative forms of the verb (the infinitive without "to"). It should be possible to guess that these instructions are for: a.) how to use a washing machine, b.) how to water plants when someone is on holiday and c.) how to make a pot of tea with tea leaves. In the instructions for watering the plants the "will" future is also used (e.g. "*will need*") and in the tea-making "you" is used to mean "people in general" (e.g. "*you pour the boiling water*"). If your partner is having difficulty guessing, then it might be an idea to point out the key vocabulary; for a.) this includes: *whites, colours, drawer, compartment, liquid softener, powder, capsules, dial, drum, cycle, load* and '*beeping*'; for b.), key vocabulary includes: *clematis, watering can, teaspoonfuls, lavender* and *rosemary*; for c.), key terms include: *pot, pour, milk* and *cups*.
- 2 Obviously, some of these are light-hearted and allow for the conversation to stray into other areas if there is sufficient interest. Many of these will also probably entail the use of "should" as some involve giving advice (not just giving instructions).
- 3 This activity will probably work best if the person giving the instructions actually draws the items of furniture onto the piece of paper in their desired positions. They should then give instructions for the other person to follow, who should then also draw the furniture where they think it should go according to the instructions they hear. At the end of the process, the two drawings can be compared. Obviously, prepositions and prepositional phrases (e.g. "*in the middle*") will be crucial.
- 4 The recipe here introduces a lot of cooking vocabulary, which should prove useful when the learner comes to write their own favourite recipe in the follow-on writing task. Essential vocabulary includes: *boil, chop, fry, place, cook, drain, contents, tablespoons, stir, warm, serve, black pepper* and *creme fraiche*.
- 5 As usual, some discussion of the recipe chosen and giving an oral version of the instructions before the writing up will greatly facilitate this task.