



Welcome to Potions. There will be no chatting or foolish wand waving in my class.

Your first lesson at Hogwarts is **Potions** with Professor Snape! Watch out...everyone knows how strict he is! You will have to make sure that everything is particularly neat and precisely punctuated!

Professor Snape wants you to show him your potion making potential by concocting a recipe for a magical potion. It can be for anything you wish as long as it is not dangerous, or deadly. Beginners are strictly forbidden to dabble in the dark arts!

He may wish to test your recipe for himself, so you must make sure that you include:

- A suitable **name**.
- A **description** of the potion and what it does, or what it is for.
- A precise list of **ingredients**, with exact quantities or measurements. If especially rare or hard to come by ingredients are required, you must include advice about how they may be gathered (eg at special times, for example only by moonlight) or where they can be obtained, or who from.
- Accurate instructions **explaining** how to make it, which must be in **chronological order** and should include any hints, tips or potential safety precautions to watch out for. All good instructions also use **imperative verbs**- those bossy verbs which tell you what to do, like **chop**, **pour** and **crush**. Even better instructions also use **adverbs** to make the verbs more accurate, like **completely** and **exactly**. Students who wish to go to the top of the class, will also make sure they use **causal conjunctions**, like **in order to**, **until** and **as a result** to link and explain ideas in their recipe more clearly.
- Finally, add any special **actions** which may be required when the potion is used, for example magical words or chants.



Remember: Professor Snape would never allow a student to test their potion without the supervision of a fully qualified Wizard!