Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 3 | 10-Day Intensive Selective Writing

Section 1:

#1: Ingredients and Equipment Lists

Strengths:

- Your recipe includes all the essential ingredients needed to make nachos, giving readers a clear shopping list.
- The equipment list is practical and mentions alternatives (air fryer OR oven), which helps readers who might not have certain appliances.

Incomplete Information \rightarrow The ingredients list doesn't include any quantities or measurements. Readers won't know how much pork mince to buy, how many grams of cheese to use, or how many corn chips they'll need. Without these details, someone following your recipe might buy too much or too little, which could waste food or leave them with an incomplete dish. For example, should they use 500g of pork mince or 1kg? Should they use one can of kidney beans or two? These missing measurements make it difficult for readers to prepare properly.

Exemplar: Pork Mince (500g), Kidney Beans (1 x 400g can, drained), Corn Chips (200g), Sour Cream (1/2 cup), Cheese (1 cup, grated)

#2: Step 1 - Preheating Instructions

Strengths:

- You've remembered to include a preheating step, which is important for cooking.
- The temperature (160 degrees celsius) and timing (4 minutes) are specific.

Unclear Purpose \rightarrow Preheating for only 4 minutes seems quite short for most ovens and air fryers, and the instruction doesn't explain what happens after preheating. Should readers leave the appliance on while cooking the pork mince, or turn it off temporarily? This creates confusion about the cooking sequence.

Exemplar: Preheat the air fryer or oven to 160 degrees Celsius (this usually takes about 10 minutes for an oven).

#3: Step 9 - Final Assembly

Strengths:

- You've included the important toppings that make nachos delicious.
- The instruction mentions all three fresh toppings (corn chips, sour cream, and avocado).

Missing Assembly Details → The instruction "add corn chips, sour cream and avocado" doesn't explain the proper layering technique or arrangement. Should the corn chips go on the bottom or scattered on top? How should the toppings be distributed? Also, the recipe is confusing because traditionally, corn chips should be the base layer before heating, not added at the very end. The current instructions suggest heating the meat and beans first, then adding chips afterwards, which means the chips won't be warm or have melted cheese on them. This affects the final result significantly.

Exemplar: Carefully remove the tray from the oven. Arrange the corn chips around the edges of the meat mixture. Drizzle the sour cream over the top and add dollops of mashed avocado across the nachos. Serve immediately while hot.

Your recipe provides a basic framework for making nachos, but it needs more detailed information to help readers successfully create this dish. The biggest challenge throughout your recipe is the lack of measurements and quantities. Without knowing how much of each ingredient to use, readers will struggle to plan their shopping and prepare the correct portions. Think about someone reading your recipe: they need to know exactly how much pork mince to buy at the supermarket, how many avocados to purchase, and what size can of kidney beans to look for.

Additionally, your instructions would benefit from more explanation about the cooking process. For instance, step 2 tells readers to cook the pork mince "until it turns dark," but it would be clearer to say "until it's completely browned with no pink remaining" and mention that it takes about 8-10 minutes. Also, consider adding more sensory details and safety reminders. When you tell readers to take the nachos out of the oven in step 9, remind them to use oven mitts because the tray will be very hot. These small additions help readers understand not just what to do, but why and how to do it safely.

The sequence of your recipe also needs reconsidering. Traditional nachos have the chips as the base layer that gets heated with the toppings. Your current method suggests adding chips at the very end, which means they'll be cold and won't have that lovely warm, slightly crispy texture with melted cheese. Think about revising the order: perhaps layer chips on the bottom of the tray first, add the cooked meat mixture and corn, sprinkle cheese over everything, then bake until the cheese melts. This would create a more authentic nacho dish.

Furthermore, your recipe could include helpful tips about seasoning. The pork mince would taste much better with some added flavours like taco seasoning, garlic, or onion. Similarly, the mashed avocado mixture (called guacamole) could include additional ingredients like salt and pepper to enhance the taste. Consider adding a "Tips" section where you suggest optional extras like jalapeños, diced tomatoes, or coriander for readers who want to customise their nachos.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

How to make Nachos

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Ingredients

- [Pork Mince (500g)]
- [Kidney Beans (1 x 400g can, drained)]
- [Corn Chips (200g)]
- Sour Cream (½ cup)]
- [Cheese (1½ cups, grated)]
- [Avocado (2 ripe avocados)]
- [Corn (1 x 400g can, drained)]
- [Lime Juice (1 tablespoon)]

Equipment

- Air Fryer OR Oven
- Heat Safe Tray
- Spoon
- Fork
- Knife
- Chopping Board
- Can Opener

Instructions

- **#1** 1. Pre-hear [Preheat] the Air fryer [air fryer] or Oven [oven] at 160 degrees eclsius [Celsius] for 4 minutes [10 minutes]
- **#2** 2. Use a frying pan to cook the pork mince until it turns dark [over medium-high heat until it's completely browned with no pink remaining (about 8-10 minutes). Break up any large chunks with your spoon as it cooks]
 - 1. Open the can of kidney beans and mix it [drain them. Mix the beans] with the pork mince, along with the corn [drained corn. Stir everything together and remove from heat]
 - 2. Get the heat safe tray and pour the kidney beans, corn and pork mince into it. [Spread the corn chips evenly across the bottom of your heat-safe tray. Spoon the pork mince, kidney beans, and corn mixture over the chips]
 - 3. Layer cheese on top [Sprinkle the grated cheese evenly over the top, making sure to cover as much of the mixture as possible]
 - 4. Put the tray into the air fryer or oven and put it at 160 Degrees for [cook at 160 degrees Celsius for] 10 minutes[, or until the cheese is melted and bubbling]
 - 5. While waiting for the nachos to cook in the oven, peel the avocados [, remove the stones, and place the flesh in a bowl. Mash] and mash them with a fork [with a fork until smooth but slightly chunky]
 - 6. Add a splash of lime juice into the mashed avocados : [and mix well]
- #3 9. Take the nachos out of the oven, add corn chips, sour cream and avocado [Carefully remove the tray from the oven using oven mitts (the tray will be very hot!). Drizzle the sour cream over the hot nachos and add dollops of the mashed avocado across the top. Serve immediately while hot]