Recipe for Fun: Combine Watermelon & Friends!
Reading/Language Arts Grades 3-4

Read the recipe instructions. Then number the steps in order by writing a number next to each sentence.

**Ingredient List:**
- 2 bananas
- 1 medium watermelon
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup diced fresh pineapple
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup caramel fruit dip
- 1/4 cup honey roasted almonds

**Instructions:**
Peel bananas and cut in half lengthwise, and then cut each piece in half. For each serving, lay 2 banana pieces against sides of shallow dish. Using an ice cream scooper, place 3 watermelon “scoops” in between each banana in each dish. Remove seeds if necessary. Top each watermelon “scoop” with a different fruit topping. Drizzle caramel fruit dip over all. Sprinkle with almonds.

Makes 4 servings.

**Steps:**
1. Place 2 banana pieces on the sides of dish.
2. Scoop out 3 watermelon scoops per dish and place between each banana piece.
3. Drizzle caramel fruit dip over everything and sprinkle with almonds.
4. Remove seeds if necessary.
5. Peel bananas.
6. Add a different fruit topping to each scoop of watermelon.
7. Cut bananas in half lengthwise.
8. Cut each long banana half in half again.

Write the words from each list from top to bottom in alphabetical order.

- plant
- patch
- producer
- picnic
- pollinate
- pick
- round
- ripe
- rain
- rind
- red
- row
- soil
- sun
- seeds
- sweet
- slice
- snack
- farmer
- fresh
- fertilize
- flower
- festival
- fun

A paraphrase retells the same information using different words.

**Place a check next to the sentence that best paraphrases the original sentence.**

1. J. Slice is a great skateboarder, surfer, and snowboarder.  
   __ J. Slice only likes water and snow sports.  
   __ J. Slice is a great athlete.

2. China is the world’s number one producer of watermelon.  
   __ More watermelons are grown in China than in any other country.  
   __ China grows the biggest watermelons.

3. In one month, a watermelon vine may spread to as much as 6-8 feet.  
   __ A watermelon vine often grows 6-8 feet long in 30 days.  
   __ In a month, a watermelon vine may grow 6-8 inches long.

   __ Pinky makes cookies with her friends.  
   __ Pinky likes making watermelon snacks with J. Slice.

5. Growers handpick watermelons because machines could damage delicate rinds.  
   __ Watermelons must be picked by hand because rinds are fragile.  
   __ Watermelon rinds are very tough and must be harvested by hand.