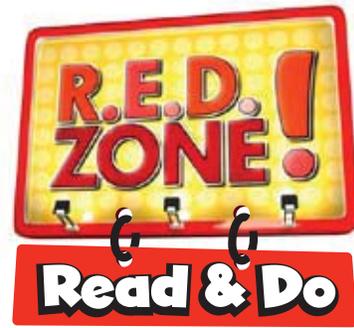


# Froggy Bakes a Cake

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Froggy has all the ingredients for his mother's birthday cake, except for two important things, letting his father help and following the recipe.

His intentions may be good, but his execution needs a little help!



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What would happen if you could bake a cake all by yourself? What would you make?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder what kind of cake Froggy is making?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Ask the children to try and remember as you read which animal crawled in the mitten first, second, and so on. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *Froggy Bakes a Cake*:

- flour: a powder made by grinding the edible parts of cereal grains for use in breads and pastries
- counter: a flat surface in a kitchen on which food can be prepared or dishes laid out
- Halloween: holiday popular with children in the US who dress up as witches, ghosts, etc.
- snatched: to grab something quickly
- baking powder: a leavening agent in baking
- stir: to move a liquid around with a spoon, stick, or other implement in order to mix or cool the contents
- batter: a liquid mixture of flour, milk, and eggs used in making cakes and pancakes, and for coating foods before frying
- lemonade: an uncarbonated soft drink made from fresh lemons, sugar, and water
- tablecloth: a cloth for covering a table, especially before it is set for a meal
- surprise: to cause somebody to feel sudden wonder or amazement, especially at something unexpected
- hollered: to call out or shout something
- exploded: to blow up or burst with a sudden release of energy and a loud noise
- celebrate: to show happiness that something good or special has happened by doing such things as eating and drinking together or playing music
- leap-frogged: a game in which players take turns in leaping over another player bent over from the waist

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## After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Who's birthday was it?
- What did Froggy's dad want him to help him do?
- Name the ingredients that go into making a cake.
- What order do the ingredients go into making a cake?
- What color was the bowl that Froggy mixed all the ingredients in?
- What kind of chocolate did Froggy use?
- What happened to the milk when Froggy got it out of the fridge?
- How many eggs did Froggy break? How many sticks of butter fell on the floor?
- How many eggs went into the bowl? What sound do they make?
- What did Froggy and his dad do while waiting for the cake to bake?
- What happened when Froggy helped his dad set the table?
- What happened to the cake? What did it taste like?
- What did Froggy make his mom instead? What did Froggy's mom think of it?



Do

## First, Second, Last: Cake Sequence Cards

**You will need:** *Cake Sequence Cards*, crayons/markers, glue, scissors and multi-colored construction paper (one per child)

After reading the story, hand out the sequence cards, glue, scissors, construction paper and crayons/markers to each child. Once the children have colored each square, they will need to cut on the dotted line to separate each card. Next, have the children lay each card out in sequential order from 1-9. The children will then glue each square onto the construction paper.

**Additional Activity:** If desired, as a group, practice counting forwards and backwards from 1-9. As you count have the children point to the appropriate number on each card. If developmentally appropriate, you could introduce skip counting by 2s.

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# Cake Sequence Cards

Flour



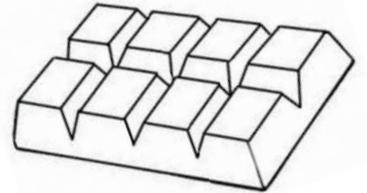
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Sugar



2

Chocolate



3

Milk



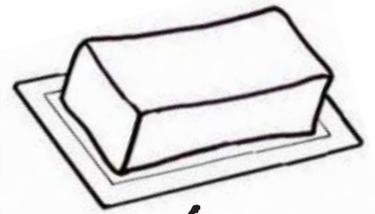
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Eggs



5

Butter



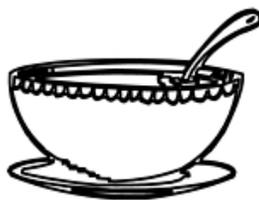
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Baking Powder



7

Mix



8

Bake



9

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