

Special Recipes

I like to make up recipes.
I do it everyday.
I'd rather cook creatively
Than watch TV or play!

Mom lets me use the kitchen, if
I clean up when I'm through.
(She didn't like it when I spilled
The Cherry-Whipped Cream Stew.)

From Pickle-Pudding-Applesauce
To Salsa-Cottage Cheese,
I find the special combo
That is guaranteed to please!

I served up Pepper-Chocolate Milk,
And Orange-Peanut Glop...
I once surprised my Grandma
With a frosted Ketchup Pop!

The pantry and the spice rack
Are like a treasure trove...
I'll like it even more when I'm
Allowed to use the stove.

1. What is the main idea of this poem?
 - a. A young girl cooks fancy dishes for her family.
 - b. A young girl makes a mess of the kitchen.
 - c. A young girl invents strange and unusual recipes.
 - d. A young girl helps her grandmother by making dinner.

2. The girl in the poem is NOT allowed to do two things. What are they?

3. Which word best describes the girl's mother?
 - a. angry
 - b. confused
 - c. patient
 - d. excited

4. What is the writer's purpose for writing this poem?

<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. to teach readers about cookingc. to persuade readers to try cooking	<ol style="list-style-type: none">b. to make readers hungryd. to make readers laugh
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Tanka Poems

Tanka is an ancient form of Japanese poetry. Tanka poems are similar to haikus but they have five lines instead of three.

Write a Tanka poem about your favorite food. Think about the way it looks, tastes, how it makes you feel, how you cook it, how you serve/eat it, etc.

Remember to write five lines using this pattern.

Line 1: five syllables

Line 2: seven syllables

Line 3: five syllables

Line 4: seven syllables

Line 5: seven syllables