

The Saturday Morning Project

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One Friday night recently, Julie slept over at Grandma's house. The next morning, they made pancakes.	9
First they sifted together flour, salt, and baking powder. Scritch, Scritch went the sifter. Next, Julie beat the eggs with a whisk. Grandma poured in melted butter and milk. Julie used a wooden spoon to combine the wet and dry ingredients.	45
The best part came next. Grandma created pancakes with letters branded into them. Taking a little batter in a ladle, Grandma used it to write backward letters in a sizzling frying pan. Grandma designed a backwards J. Then she poured a dollop of batter over it. When she flipped the pancake, the J was facing forwards.	96
Grandma made a separate pancake for each letter in Julie's name. She did not have to make the U or the I backwards. Those letters are the same whichever way you look at them. Grandma arranged five pancakes on a platter. They spelled J U L I E. Julie got to gobble her own name for breakfast.	164

1. What is the topic of this passage?
 2. What was the first step in making the pancakes?