LESSON 1.6

Real-Life Application: When Will I Ever Use This?

For use with the lesson "Use Precision and Measurement"

Cook

To make delicious dishes, cooks create and follow recipes. To follow or create a recipe, a cook must measure ingredients, using capacity and weight and sometimes even length. They also need to be able to measure temperature and time.

Cooks use instruments for measuring capacity from a medicine dropper to multi-gallon pots. A scale measures weight or mass to the nearest ounce or to the nearest gram. Ovens measure temperatures to the nearest degree or a part of a degree Fahrenheit. Times in cooking can be to the minute or to the second.

In Exercises 1-4, use the following information.

A recipe for 3 servings of pancakes is shown below.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons white sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour
8 teaspoons butter	$1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons confectioners' sugar
2 eggs	

- **1.** Preheat oven to 425°F. In a small bowl, mix together white sugar and cinnamon; set aside.
- **2.** Place butter in a 9-inch cake pan and heat in the oven until melted. Whip eggs and milk. Pour in flour and beat until well combined. Sprinkle on sugar and cinnamon.
- **3.** Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Dust with confectioners' sugar; serve warm.
- **1.** Is $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons or $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons a more precise measurement?
- **2.** Which is more precise $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon or $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons?
- **3.** Suppose the oven you were using read 423.8°F. Is that measure more or less precise than 425°F?
- **4.** The cake pan can be measured as 0.75 foot instead of 9 inches. Is 7 inches more or less precise than 0.75 foot?