

# My favorite meal

## Action video note

Instruct Ss to make their own videos about how to make something.

- **Option:** If Ss enjoy working with video, they can edit their videos, cutting and pasting sections together and adding any music, graphics, or captions they like. Point out that Ss might want to show the final, finished product (or demonstrate the ultimate objective) in the beginning of the video, and then go through the steps to make (or do) it.

## Write the script

- **Preview the activity:** Tell Ss they will make a video that shows how to make something. Brainstorm how-to topics with the class, such as cooking, baking, a video technique, a dance move, and so forth. Tell Ss to choose something simple that can be explained in five to ten steps. Point out that they may simplify the process to make the language more appropriate and accessible for the class.
- **Write the script:** Go over the sample script below with the class. Then have Ss write sentences to explain each main step of their how-to topic. Remind Ss of the words Ben used in the video to show order: *first, next, now, then, last, and finally*. Encourage Ss to use them in their scripts as well.

### Sample how-to script

*I make fresh orange juice every week. Here's how I do it. First, I buy fresh oranges. These are from the farmers' market. They smell delicious. I always wash them. Next, I cut them in half and remove the seeds. Then I squeeze the juice into a glass. Finally, I drink it!*

- **Check the script:** Have Ss rehearse their scripts. Go around the room and give help as needed. Make sure Ss can explain all of the main steps for their topics.

## Make the video

- **Plan the video:** Explain that Ss should rehearse their videos to make sure they have the correct order of the steps for their how-to topics and that they aren't missing any important information.
- **Make the video:** Have Ss make their videos.

## Share the video

- Ss share their videos with the class.
- **Option:** Have a group or class discussion about the videos. Invite Ss to talk about why they chose their topics and share any other interesting information about them and the making of the videos.