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Introduction:

Often, when you are doing something, you follow a number of steps and you do them in a particular order so that whatever you are doing turns out well. When you follow “a series of steps in order to do something”, we call this a **process**. There is a process to virtually everything we do, from riding a bike to completing our homework.

Let’s look at a series of pictures to better understand the word process. (Point to each illustration as you discuss it.) Mrs. Davis is making dinner rolls. To make the rolls, she follows a process. First, she gathers her ingredients—things such as flour and eggs. Next, she mixes the ingredients together and kneads the dough. Then, she breaks the dough into small sections and puts them on a cookie sheet in the oven. Finally, Mrs. Davis removes the finished rolls from the oven.

Example:

Here is another example of a process: every morning you follow a process to get ready for school. You probably do several of the following actions: taking a bath, getting dressed, eating breakfast, gathering your homework, and brushing your teeth.

Reflection:

Consider this for a moment. What might happen if the workers in a car factory left out some steps in the car building process? *the cars might not work or they might be dangerous to drive*

You are already familiar with many processes. Think about a process or two that you do every day. Think about the steps or actions you have to take to complete the process. When you answer, start your sentence with, “One process I do every day is to...”

Make it Personal:

Think about the last time you put a puzzle together. Most people follow a particular process when they work on jigsaw puzzles. How do you sort the pieces? Which part of the puzzle do you complete first? Explain to a neighbor the process you follow when putting a puzzle together. Start your sentence as follows, “The process I follow to put together a jigsaw puzzle is...”