

# The Tenth Challah

## Eight activities

### Activity 1: The terms

What three terms does Minna set (or accept) for being a beginner? From the story, what job does each term do - what does it protect her from?

### Activity 2: The honest sentence

"I'm the beginner here." What does saying it on the first night make possible for the rest of the course? What would hiding it have cost - find one concrete place where the sentence pays for itself.

### Activity 3: The two pulls

In week five, two thoughts "arrive together, like they planned it." What does each one protect? What does the logbook's two columns answer that her feelings cannot?

### Activity 4: Improvement arithmetic (all numbers made up for practice)

A new baker fixes one real mistake per week for 9 practice weeks. A copy-and-pretend baker fixes zero but looks fine for the first 4 weeks. After 9 weeks, how many mistakes has each fixed? If the course had lasted 3 weeks instead of 10, which approach would look better, and why does that matter? Show your steps.

### Activity 5: "I can taste which weeks"

The instructor praises the honest card, the kept logbook, and the asked question - never "you're a real baker now." Why does she affirm the actions instead of declaring a rank? What would "you're basically an expert now" have undone?

### Activity 6: Draw the tea table

Draw the tea table: the glossy crown loaf, Minna's slices, the little pencil card. Only what can be seen - no labels for feelings. Caption it with one line from the story.

### Activity 7: Devory's machine - a made-up case

A teen named Devory joins her aunt's sewing circle having never once threaded a machine, and every other woman there has sewn for years. Write her first-night honest sentence, her one-question-a-week rule in her own words, and the kind offer of a slower group - then write how she answers it from her terms, not from sting. One sentence each, with names.



## Activity 8: Word grid

Find eight words left to right. Row/column numbering begins at 1.

B E G I N N E R F Y  
D O U G H M N O R S  
O V E N A I Q Z X J  
A P R O N Y G H U P  
C R U S T S T C D E  
K N E A D J K V W B  
Y E A S T P L M N O  
M E A S U R E I Q Z  
X J K V W B F Y G H  
U P L M N O R S T C

The eight words: BEGINNER, DOUGH, OVEN, APRON, CRUST, KNEAD, YEAST, MEASURE. Which word names what Minna claims on the first night, and which word names the thing she finally does herself, without a crossing guard?