# Guidelines for thickening liquids



Powder can cause choking and obstruction if taken dry. Always mix with fluid.

### Instructions for starch-based thickeners



Measure the desired amount of liquid.



Measure the correct number of level scoops using the scoop provided.



Sprinkle the thickening powder into drink.



Stir briskly for 30 seconds with a fork or whisk until the powder dissolves.



Leave to stand for 1-5 minutes to allow the liquid to thicken. Do not add more powder.



Test the liquid is the correct thickness before serving. If required, add a little extra powder or liquid, stir briskly, and allow to stand as before.

# Thickness levels



## Slightly thick (level 1)

Thicker than water (e.g. single cream). Leaves a trace amount of residue on a spoon. Can be drunk through a straw.



Pours quickly from a spoon but slower than water (e.g. syrup). Can be drunk from a cup. Can be drunk through a straw with a little effort.



Pours slowly from a spoon (e.g. custard). Drops through the prongs of a fork. Can be drunk from a cup. Difficult to drink through a straw.



# **Extremely thick (level 4)**

Holds shape on a spoon and cannot be poured (e.g. thick yoghurt). Falls off a spoon when tilted. Cannot be drunk from a cup or with a straw. Must be eaten with a spoon.

## Measurements



Standard mug (approx.)



**Small tumbler** (approx.)

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