“Il compleanno di mio padre / mia madre”

Imagine that you are writing to a friend about a recent birthday dinner that you and your brother (or sister) hosted to celebrate your mother’s (or father’s) birthday. Describe what you did to prepare for the dinner: what you bought (food) and where you bought it, what parts of the house you cleaned, etc. Talk about what your brother/sister did as well as what you did. Also mention who came and what you did after dinner.

As always, think about organization, and be sure to provide detail to make your writing more interesting.

--To say “dinner party”, simply use the word “cena”.
--Avoid using the verb “cuocere”. Instead, use “cucinare” and “preparare”.

When writing this composition, you should rely primarily on your textbook. You may want to look up some special words, but be CERTAIN to double-check your translations. The only dictionary resource you may use (other than your textbook) is www.wordreference.com. Any words that you look up in a dictionary must be listed (in both English and Italian) at the end of the composition.

Do not attempt to say things that are too complicated! This may mean that you have to leave out some things that you want to say. The best approach is to review the material covered in unit 4, and incorporate as much of it as you can into your composition. Show what you know!

PROOFREAD CAREFULLY. You may want to consult the instructions for compositions 2 and 3 in order to review some easily avoidable errors. Also, please be aware of the following:

1. To indicate to whom something is pleasing (“piacere”), use “a” before that person. For examples: “A mia madre è piaciuta la festa.” “A mio fratello piace cucinare.”

2. a casa mia = at my place a casa = (at) home “Sono tornata a casa.”

3. “dopo” may NOT be followed by “di” + infinitive, like it is in Spanish. Ask me if you have questions about this.

Your composition must be typed and double-spaced, and should be about 150 words long. Please use the template that your instructor emails to you.