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Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

Circle group

A raisin is a grape that has dried out. It is small and dark. It is chewy and sweet.

Farmers pick ripe grapes. They lay the grapes in the sun.

The sun is hot. Day after day, the water in each grape goes up into the air. The grapes shrink. Their skins get wrinkly.

Then they are raisins! Some go in oatmeal or cookies.

Questions

1. What is a raisin?

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2. What do raisins feel like to eat?

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3. Where do farmers lay the grapes?

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4. What foods can have raisins in them?

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5. Why do the grapes shrink and get wrinkly?

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Words to know

ripe: ready to be picked and eaten
wrinkly: folded and creased, not smooth
shrink: to get smaller
chewy: soft and a bit sticky to bite

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

Triangle group

A raisin is a grape that has dried out. It is small, dark and wrinkly. It is chewy and very sweet.

Here is how a raisin is made. Farmers pick ripe grapes from the vine. They lay the grapes out in the sun on trays or paper.

The sun is hot. Day after day, the water in each grape goes up into the air. The grapes shrink. Their skins get wrinkly.

After many days, they are raisins! Some go into boxes for lunch. Some go into oatmeal or cookies.

Questions

1. What is a raisin?

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2. What do raisins feel like to eat?

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3. Where do farmers lay the grapes?

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4. What foods can have raisins in them?

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5. Why do the grapes shrink and get wrinkly?

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Square group

A raisin is simply a grape that has dried out. It is small, dark and wrinkly, and it tastes very sweet and chewy.

This is how raisins are made. Farmers pick ripe grapes from the vines and spread them out in the bright sun on trays or sheets of paper.

Because the sun is so hot, the water inside each grape slowly rises into the air, day after day. The grapes shrink, and their skins become wrinkly.

After many days, the grapes have turned into raisins. Some are packed into little boxes for lunch, and others are baked into oatmeal or cookies.

Questions

1. What is a raisin?

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2. How does a raisin taste and feel?

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3. Where do farmers spread the grapes to dry?

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4. Which foods can raisins be baked into?

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5. Why do the grapes shrink and become wrinkly?

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For the teacher: Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

Easier · 64 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. A grape that has dried out.
2. Chewy and sweet.
3. In the sun.
4. Oatmeal and cookies.
5. The sun is hot, so the water in each grape goes up into the air.

Triangle: Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

This passage · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. A grape that has dried out.
2. Chewy and very sweet.
3. In the sun, on trays or paper.
4. Oatmeal and cookies.
5. The sun is hot, so the water in each grape goes up into the air.

Square: Grapes Dry in the Sun to Make Raisins

Harder · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. A grape that has dried out.
2. Very sweet and chewy.
3. In the bright sun, on trays or sheets of paper.
4. Oatmeal and cookies.
5. The hot sun makes the water inside rise into the air.