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Lunch Floats Away in Space

Circle group

Eating in space is tricky. Things float! A spoon can drift away. So can a crumb.

Some food comes in a bag with a straw. Some food is sticky. It stays on the spoon.

Astronauts do not eat bread. Bread makes crumbs. They eat a flat tortilla. It makes few crumbs.

The trays are tied down too.

Questions

1. What do things do in space?

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2. What does some food come in?

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3. What do astronauts eat instead of bread?

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4. What is tied down?

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5. Why do astronauts not eat bread?

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Words to know

float: to drift in the air and not fall down
astronaut: a person who travels in space
crumb: a tiny bit that falls off bread
tortilla: a flat, round bread

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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Triangle group

Space is a tricky place to eat. Things float! A spoon can drift away. So can a crumb.

Astronauts must be careful. Some food comes in a bag with a straw. Some food is sticky, so it stays on the spoon.

Astronauts do not eat bread. Bread makes lots of crumbs. They use a flat tortilla instead. A tortilla makes very few crumbs.

Even the trays are tied down, so lunch stays put. Then the astronauts wipe up with a wet cloth. The meal is done, and it was a fun one for all.

Questions

1. What do things do in space?

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2. How does some food come to astronauts?

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3. What do astronauts use instead of bread?

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4. What is tied down so lunch stays put?

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5. Why do astronauts not eat bread?

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Square group

Eating in space is a tricky business, because everything floats. A spoon can drift away from your hand, and so can a single crumb.

Astronauts have to be very careful. Some of their food is packed in a bag with a straw. Other food is sticky enough to stay on the spoon.

Astronauts avoid bread because it makes lots of crumbs. Instead, they use a flat tortilla, which makes very few crumbs.

Even the trays are tied down, so that lunch stays exactly where it belongs.

Questions

1. Why does everything in space float?

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2. How is some of the food packed?

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3. What do astronauts use in place of bread?

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4. What is tied down so that lunch stays in place?

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5. Why do astronauts avoid bread?

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For the teacher: Lunch Floats Away in Space

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

Circle: Lunch Floats Away in Space

Easier · 57 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. They float.
2. A bag with a straw.
3. A flat tortilla.
4. The trays.
5. Bread makes crumbs that would float away.

Triangle: Lunch Floats Away in Space

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.1

1. They float.
2. In a bag with a straw.
3. A flat tortilla.
4. The trays.
5. Bread makes lots of crumbs, and crumbs would float around.

Square: Lunch Floats Away in Space

Harder · 86 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.5

1. The passage says things float in space, so a spoon can drift away.
2. In a bag with a straw.
3. A flat tortilla.
4. The trays.
5. Bread makes lots of crumbs, and crumbs would float around.