Name: _____ Date: _____

Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

Circle group

Wet lettuce is not good in a salad. The dressing slides off. We must dry the leaves.

A salad spinner can do it. It is a bowl with a basket inside. The basket has small holes. Put wet leaves in the basket. Close the lid.

Turn the handle. The basket spins fast. The water flies off the leaves. It goes through the holes. It stays in the bowl. The leaves are dry now.

Questions

1. Why must we dry lettuce?

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2. What is inside the bowl?

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3. How do you make the basket spin?

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4. Where does the water go?

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5. What if the basket had no holes?

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Words to know

lettuce: a leafy green plant that people eat
dressing: a tasty sauce that you pour on a salad
basket: a container with open spaces in its sides
spin: to turn around and around very fast

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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Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

Triangle group

Wet lettuce is hard to eat in a salad. The water makes the dressing slide right off. We need a way to dry the leaves.

A salad spinner can help. It is a bowl with a basket inside. The basket has many small holes. You put the wet leaves in the basket and close the lid.

Then you pull a cord or turn a handle. The basket spins fast. The water flies off the leaves and goes through the holes. It stays in the bowl. Now the leaves are dry. The dressing can stick to them.

Questions

1. Why do we need to dry lettuce?

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2. What is inside the bowl?

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3. What do you do to make the basket spin?

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4. Where does the water go?

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5. What would happen if the basket had no holes?

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Square group

Wet lettuce is hard to enjoy in a salad, because the water makes the dressing slide right off the leaves. We need some way to dry them quickly after we wash them.

A salad spinner is made for this job. It is a large bowl with a basket sitting inside it, and the basket has many small holes in its sides. You put the wet leaves into the basket and then close the lid.

Next, you pull a cord or turn a handle, and the basket spins very fast. The water flies off the leaves and passes through the holes, and it collects in the bowl underneath. Now the leaves are dry, and the dressing can stick to them properly.

Questions

1. Why do we need to dry lettuce before making a salad?

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2. What sits inside the large bowl?

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3. How do you make the basket spin?

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4. What happens to the water that flies off the leaves?

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5. Why would the leaves stay wet if the basket had no holes?

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For the teacher: Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

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

Circle: Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

Easier · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Water makes the dressing slide off.
2. A basket with small holes.
3. Turn the handle.
4. Through the holes into the bowl.
5. The water could not get out, so the leaves would stay wet.

Triangle: Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

This passage · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. Water makes the dressing slide off.
2. A basket with many small holes.
3. Pull a cord or turn a handle.
4. It goes through the holes and stays in the bowl.
5. The water could not get out, so the leaves would stay wet.

Square: Spin, Spin, Spin the Salad Dry

Harder · 120 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5

1. The water makes the dressing slide right off.
2. A basket with many small holes in its sides.
3. Pull a cord or turn a handle.
4. It passes through the holes and collects in the bowl.
5. The water could not escape from the basket.