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Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

Circle group

Dry spaghetti is stiff. It snaps if you bend it. You cannot eat it that way.

A grown-up heats a pot of water until it bubbles. The spaghetti goes in.

It soaks up the water. It gets soft and bendy. It gets a bit bigger, too.

The grown-up pours it into a strainer. The water runs out. The soft spaghetti stays. Now add sauce!

Questions

1. What happens if you bend dry spaghetti?

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2. What does the grown-up heat in the pot?

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3. What does the spaghetti soak up?

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4. What tool holds the pasta when the water runs out?

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5. Why does the spaghetti get soft?

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Words to know

stiff: hard and not able to bend
snap: to break with a quick sound
bendy: able to bend easily
strainer: a bowl with holes that lets water run out

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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Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

Triangle group

A stick of dry spaghetti is stiff. It snaps if you bend it. You cannot eat it that way.

A grown-up fills a pot with water and heats it until it bubbles. The spaghetti goes in. It sinks at first.

Soon something strange happens. The spaghetti soaks up water. It gets soft and bendy. It gets a little bit bigger, too.

The grown-up pours the pasta into a strainer. The hot water runs out, and the soft spaghetti stays. Now it is ready for red sauce and a sprinkle of cheese!

Questions

1. What happens if you bend dry spaghetti?

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2. What does the grown-up heat in the pot?

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3. What does the spaghetti do to the water?

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4. What tool holds the pasta when the water runs out?

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5. Why does the spaghetti get soft?

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Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

Square group

A stick of dry spaghetti is very stiff, and it snaps in two if you try to bend it. Nobody could eat it that way.

A grown-up fills a large pot with water and heats it until it bubbles. Then the spaghetti goes into the pot, where it sinks at first.

Soon something surprising happens. The spaghetti slowly soaks up the hot water, which makes it soft and bendy. It grows a little bit bigger, too.

Finally, the grown-up pours everything into a strainer. The water runs out through the holes, and the soft spaghetti stays behind, ready for sauce!

Questions

1. What happens when you try to bend a stick of dry spaghetti?

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2. What does the grown-up fill the large pot with?

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3. What does the spaghetti soak up as it sits in the pot?

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4. What does the grown-up use to hold the pasta while the water runs out?

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5. What makes the spaghetti become soft and bendy?

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For the teacher: Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

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

Circle: Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

Easier · 66 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. It snaps.
2. Water.
3. The water.
4. A strainer.
5. It takes in hot water, so it gets bendy.

Triangle: Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. It snaps.
2. Water.
3. It soaks it up.
4. A strainer.
5. It takes in hot water, and that makes it bendy.

Square: Stiff Spaghetti Goes Soft in Hot Water

Harder · 102 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.8

1. It snaps in two.
2. Water.
3. The hot water.
4. A strainer.
5. It soaks up the hot water.