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Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

Circle group

Cinnamon is a spice. It makes cookies smell warm. It comes from a tree. It is the bark of the tree.

Workers cut thin branches. They peel the bark in long strips. They set the strips out to dry.

The bark curls up as it dries. It becomes a roll. The rolls are called quills.

The dry quills are brown and hard. Some are sold whole. Some are ground into powder.

Questions

1. What part of the tree is cinnamon?

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2. How do workers peel the bark?

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3. What does the bark do as it dries?

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4. What are the rolls called?

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5. Why do workers dry the strips?

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Words to know

spice: a food from a plant that gives meals a strong taste or smell
bark: the outer skin of a tree
strips: long, thin pieces
quills: dry rolls of cinnamon bark

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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Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

Triangle group

Cinnamon is a spice that makes cookies and toast smell warm. It comes from a tree. It is the bark of the tree, which is its skin.

Workers cut thin branches from a cinnamon tree. They peel off the bark in long strips. Then they set the strips out to dry.

Something neat happens as the bark dries. It curls up into a roll. Each roll looks like a tiny scroll. People call these rolls quills.

When the quills are dry, they are brown and hard. Some are sold whole. Others are ground into a fine powder.

Questions

1. What part of the tree is cinnamon?

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2. How do workers peel the bark?

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3. What happens to the bark as it dries?

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4. What are the dry rolls called?

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Square group

Cinnamon is a spice that makes cookies and warm toast smell wonderful. It comes from a tree, and the part we use is the bark, which is the skin of the tree.

Workers cut thin branches from a cinnamon tree and peel the bark away in long strips. Then they lay the strips out so that they can dry.

Something interesting happens while the bark dries. It curls up into a roll that looks like a tiny scroll. People call these rolls quills.

Once the quills have dried, they are brown and hard. Some are sold whole, while others are ground into a fine powder.

Questions

1. Which part of the cinnamon tree do we use?

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2. How do workers remove the bark?

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3. What happens to the bark while it dries?

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4. What do people call the dry rolls?

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5. Why do workers lay the strips out to dry?

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For the teacher: Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

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

Circle: Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

Easier · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. The bark.
2. In long strips.
3. It curls up into a roll.
4. Quills.
5. They turn into hard quills that can be sold or ground.

Triangle: Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

This passage · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. The bark.
2. In long strips.
3. It curls up into a roll.
4. Quills.
5. Drying turns them into hard, brown quills that can be sold or ground into powder.

Square: Cinnamon Curls as It Dries

Harder · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.7

1. The bark, which is the skin of the tree.
2. They peel it away in long strips.
3. It curls up into a roll.
4. Quills.
5. Drying turns them into hard, brown quills that can be sold whole or ground into powder.