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Lentils Cook Fast

Circle group

A lentil is a tiny seed. It looks like a little button. Lentils grow in flat pods on a small plant. Each pod holds one or two seeds.

When the pods are dry, farmers harvest the plants. The seeds come out of the pods. Lentils can be brown, green, or red.

Lentils are small, so they cook fast. Many beans take a long time. Lentils do not need to soak first.

People cook lentils in soup. They have protein, which helps the body grow.

Questions

1. What does a lentil look like?

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2. How many seeds are in each pod?

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3. What colors can lentils be?

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4. Why do lentils cook fast?

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5. Why might a cook pick lentils when in a hurry?

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Words to know

pods: long cases that hold seeds on a plant
harvest: to pick a crop when it is ready
protein: a part of food that helps the body grow strong

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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Lentils Cook Fast

Triangle group

A lentil is a tiny seed that looks like a little button. Lentils grow in flat pods on a small plant. Each pod holds one or two seeds.

When the pods are dry, farmers harvest the plants. The seeds are taken out of the pods and dried. Lentils can be brown, green, or red.

Lentils are good to cook because they are small. Many beans take a long time to cook. Lentils soften faster, and cooks do not have to soak them first.

People cook lentils in soup and stew. They are full of protein, which helps the body grow strong.

Questions

1. What does a lentil look like?

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2. How many seeds does each pod hold?

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3. What colors can lentils be?

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4. Why do lentils cook faster than many beans?

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5. Why might a cook choose lentils when in a hurry?

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Words to know

pods: long cases that hold seeds on a plant
harvest: to pick a crop when it is ready
soften: to become soft
protein: a part of food that helps the body grow strong

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Lentils Cook Fast

Square group

A lentil is a tiny seed that resembles a little button. Lentils grow inside flat pods on a small plant, and each pod holds one or two seeds.

Once the pods have dried, farmers harvest the plants. The seeds are removed from the pods and dried. Lentils may be brown, green, or red.

Lentils are convenient to cook because they are so small. Many kinds of beans take a long time to cook, but lentils soften much faster, and cooks do not have to soak them first.

People often cook lentils in soups and stews. They are full of protein, which helps the body grow strong.

Questions

1. What does a lentil look like?

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2. How many seeds does each pod hold?

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3. What colors can lentils be?

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4. Why do lentils cook faster than many kinds of beans?

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5. Why might a cook choose lentils when dinner is needed quickly?

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Words to know

pods: long cases that hold seeds on a plant
harvest: to pick a crop when it is ready
soften: to become soft
protein: a part of food that helps the body grow strong

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?

For the teacher: Lentils Cook Fast

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

Circle: Lentils Cook Fast

Easier · 84 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. A little button.
2. One or two.
3. Brown, green, or red.
4. They are small.
5. They cook fast and do not need to soak.

Triangle: Lentils Cook Fast

This passage · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.1

1. A little button.
2. One or two.
3. Brown, green, or red.
4. They are small, so they soften faster.
5. They cook faster than many beans and do not need to be soaked first.

Square: Lentils Cook Fast

Harder · 106 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.7

1. A little button.
2. One or two.
3. Brown, green, or red.
4. They are so small that they soften much faster.
5. They soften faster than many beans, and they do not have to be soaked first.