



MARTIAN JELLY

MATERIALS:

- 1 TABLESPOON GRAPE JELLY
- 1/8 TEASPOON BAKING SODA (NOT BAKING POWDER)
- 1 TABLESPOON VINEGAR
- 1/2 CUP OF WARM WATER
- Popsicle stick to stir solution

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Dissolve grape jelly in a glass of warm water, and note the color.
- 2. Add baking soda and stir. (NOTE: You should do this over a sink. A fizzing reaction will occur, possibly causing it to overflow.) Notice the change in color.
- **3.** Next, add vinegar and stir until the color of the grape jelly solution changes.

CAUTION: THIS EXPERIMENT REQUIRES PARENTAL SUPERVISION. TAKE CARE NOT TO LET ANY VINEGAR SPLASH INTO YOUR CHILD'S EYES — IT CAN STING.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

Chemical reactions occur when one chemical comes into contact with another. For example, when you add baking soda (a base), it turns the solution basic and turns the purple color of the grape jelly solution to a greenish-black color. Then, when you add vinegar (which contains acetic acid), the grape jelly solution reacidifies, and the color changes back to purple. Also, mixing baking soda and vinegar together causes a reaction that releases a gas called carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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