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Astronauts bake first ever cookies in space

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Cooking has reached new heights. Astronauts on the International Space Station have made the first space-baked cookies. They said the chocolate chip cookies looked out of this world. The cookies are the very first kind of food to be baked in space from raw ingredients. Space food is usually made on Earth. It is dehydrated or pre-packaged and then heated or warmed up on the space station. Eating freshly baked food will make astronauts happy. It will be a nice reminder of home. This will be important for astronauts going to the moon or on the long journey to Mars.

Baking the cookies was not as straightforward as the astronauts thought it would be. Cookies take about 20 minutes to bake in an oven heated to 150 degrees. That was not long enough in space. The first cookie came out undercooked. It was more raw dough than cookie. The space bakers turned up the oven's temperature and baked the dough for longer. The fifth cookie they made took 130 minutes to bake. The big question is - how did they taste? No one knows yet. The space-baked cookies are in a laboratory in Texas. Scientists will test them to see if they are safe to eat.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cooking has reached new | a. baked food |
| 2. the chocolate chip cookies looked | b. for astronauts |
| 3. It is dehydrated | c. out of this world |
| 4. heated or | d. to Mars |
| 5. Eating freshly | e. or pre-packaged |
| 6. It will be a nice reminder | f. heights |
| 7. This will be important | g. of home |
| 8. on the long journey | h. warmed up |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Baking the cookies was not | a. to 150 degrees |
| 2. bake in an oven heated | b. to eat |
| 3. It was more raw dough | c. for longer |
| 4. bakers turned up the oven's | d. them |
| 5. baked the dough | e. as straightforward |
| 6. The space-baked cookies | f. than cookie |
| 7. Scientists will test | g. temperature |
| 8. see if they are safe | h. are in a laboratory |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Cooking has (1) _____. Astronauts on the International Space Station have made the first space-baked cookies. They said (2) _____ cookies looked out of this world. The cookies are the (3) _____ of food to be baked in space from raw ingredients. Space food is usually made on Earth. (4) _____ or pre-packaged and then heated or warmed up on the space station. Eating (5) _____ will make astronauts happy. It will be a nice reminder of home. This will be important for astronauts going to the moon or on (6) _____ to Mars.

Baking the cookies was not (7) _____ the astronauts thought it would be. Cookies take about 20 minutes to bake in an (8) _____ 150 degrees. That was not long enough in space. The first cookie (9) _____. It was more raw dough than cookie. The space bakers turned up the oven's temperature and (10) _____ for longer. The fifth cookie they made took 130 minutes to bake. (11) _____ is - how did they taste? No one knows yet. The space-baked cookies are in a laboratory in Texas. Scientists will test (12) _____ if they are safe to eat.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COOKIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cookies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

