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Dancing raisins



Standards: 5-PS1-3, MS-PS1-4

Introduction:

What do you think would make a raisin dance? Would it be the music or something else? Well this experiment is going to describe how to make a raisin dance!

Materials:

- Water
- Baking soda
- White vinegar
- Raisins
- A tall, clear glass

Safety:

- Always have an adult with you to help you during your experiment.
- Always wear eye protection and gloves when doing chemistry experiments

Procedure:

- 1. Measure out 1 cup of water and pour it into a tall, clear glass.
- 2. Add 1 tablespoon of baking soda.
- 3. Mix it up until the baking soda dissolves in the water.
- 4. Next, drop in the raisins.
- 5. Finally, slowly pour in the magic ingredient- a ½ tablespoon of white vinegar
- 6. Ta da! The raisins will start dancing, bobbing up and down in the glass.

Data and Observations: Record your observations in this space
What did you see? Something really awesome? Describe it here.
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Questions: How long did it last for?
How high did the raisins go?
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