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**Level 1** – 28th January, 2020

## **Astronauts bake first ever cookies in space**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200128-space-baked-cookies-1.html>

Cooking has reached higher levels. Astronauts in space have made the first space-baked cookies. They said the chocolate chip cookies looked out of this world. They are the first food to be baked in space from raw ingredients. Space food is usually made on Earth. It is pre-packaged and then heated up in space. Eating freshly baked food will make astronauts happy. It will remind them of home. This is important for astronauts who go to the moon or Mars.

Baking the cookies was not as easy as the astronauts thought. Cookies take 20 minutes to bake. The space cookies needed longer. The first cookie was undercooked. It was more raw dough than cookie. The space bakers turned up the temperature and baked the dough for longer. They baked the fifth cookie for 130 minutes. No one knows how it tastes. It is in a laboratory in Texas. Scientists will test it to see if it is safe to eat.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/nasa-astronauts-cookies-space-iss-international-baking-a9300126.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Cooking has reached higher  | a. for astronauts |
| 2. cookies looked out of       | b. heated up      |
| 3. raw                         | c. or Mars        |
| 4. It is pre-packaged and then | d. ingredients    |
| 5. Eating freshly              | e. of home        |
| 6. It will remind them         | f. this world     |
| 7. This is important           | g. baked food     |
| 8. go to the moon              | h. levels         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Baking the cookies was     | a. needed longer   |
| 2. Cookies take 20 minutes    | b. how it tastes   |
| 3. The space cookies          | c. was undercooked |
| 4. The first cookie           | d. the temperature |
| 5. It was more raw            | e. not as easy     |
| 6. The space bakers turned up | f. for longer      |
| 7. baked the dough            | g. to bake         |
| 8. No one knows               | h. dough           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Cooking (1) \_\_\_\_\_ levels. Astronauts in space have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ space-baked cookies. They said the chocolate chip cookies looked out (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They are the first food to be baked in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients. Space food is usually made on Earth. It is pre-packaged and then (5) \_\_\_\_\_ space. Eating freshly baked food will make astronauts happy. It will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ home. This is important for astronauts who go to the moon or Mars.

Baking the cookies was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as the astronauts thought. Cookies take 20 minutes to bake. The space (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The first cookie was undercooked. It was more (9) \_\_\_\_\_ cookie. The space bakers turned up the temperature and baked the (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They baked the fifth cookie for 130 minutes. No one knows (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It is in a laboratory in Texas. Scientists will test it to see if it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COOKIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200128-space-baked-cookies-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

