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**Astronauts bake first ever cookies in space – 28th January, 2020**

## **Level 0**

Astronauts have made the first space-baked cookies. They look out of this world. They are the first food baked in space from raw ingredients. Space food is usually made on Earth. It is then heated up in space. Freshly baked food will make astronauts happy. It will remind them of home. This is important if they go to Mars.

The astronauts thought baking the cookies would be easier. Cookies take 20 minutes to bake. The space cookies needed longer. The first cookie was undercooked. The astronauts baked the fifth cookie for 130 minutes. No one knows how it tastes. It is in a laboratory in the USA. Scientists will test it to see if it is safe to eat.

## **Level 1**

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.

## **Level 2**

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.

## **Level 3**

Kitchen technology has reached new heights. Astronauts on the International Space Station have made the universe's first ever space-baked cookies. The ISS residents said the chocolate chip cookies looked out of this world. The cookies mark a first in space cookery. They are the very first kind of food to be baked in space from raw ingredients. Astronauts' food is usually pre-made on Earth. The food is dehydrated or pre-packaged and is heated or warmed up on the space station. The astronauts said eating freshly baked food will make them happy while on the space station. It will be a comforting reminder of home. This will be important for astronauts going to the moon or on the long journey to Mars.

Baking the space cookies was not as straightforward as the astronauts thought it would be. On Earth, cookies take about 20 minutes to bake in an oven heated to 150 degrees Celsius (302 degrees Fahrenheit). That was not long enough in space. The first cookie came out totally undercooked. It was more raw dough than cookie. The space bakers turned up the oven's temperature and baked the dough for longer until they were successful. The fifth cookie they made took 130 minutes to bake. And the big question is - how do they taste? No one knows yet. The space-baked cookies are now in a laboratory in Houston, Texas. Scientists will test them to see if they are safe to eat.

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