





WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- · 2 lemons
- Baking soda
- Food coloring
- · A fork or stick
- Dish soap
- A tray
- · A cup.
- Safety goggles
- Safety gloves
- Adult supervision



HOW TO MAKE A LEMON VOLCANO

Overview and objective:

Students will discover how to create a lemon "volcano".

How does it work?

Lemon juice contains citric acid. When mixed with baking soda, a sodium bicarbonate, it reacts to form carbon dioxide and sodium citrate, which causes the liquid to fizz and bubble.

Procedure:

- 1. Have an adult prep your lemon by cutting off the bottom so it sits flat on the tray. .
- 2. Turn it over and cut out the core.
- Juice a second lemon and set it aside.
- 4. Mush the center of the lemon to bring the juices out, then add a few drops of food coloring and a good squeeze of dish soap.
- 5. Add a spoonful of the baking soda. The lemon should start to fizz. Stir it around the more you stir, the more it will foam.

Want to keep the reaction going? Add more baking soda, dish soap, and the reserved lemon juice (try giving the lemon a good squeeze).

Discussion Question:

How would you describe the reaction between citric acid and baking soda?

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