

How to Make Slime

Slime is a soft, gooey, and slippery substance. Why do kids love it so much? Some say because it is satisfying. Moving it around makes them feel good. They can squish, poke, stretch and roll it. Others say because it is a good stress reliever. When they are feeling uptight, slime relaxes them and makes them feel better. Whatever the reason, it seems like this trend is here to stay. Are you a fan of slime? Would you like to know how to make it at home?

The first step is to gather all the ingredients. You will need:

- 4 oz. Elmer's Glue
- 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of baking soda
- 1 tablespoon of contact lens solution
- food coloring (optional)

Next, pour the glue into a disposable cup or bowl. Disposable means a cup or bowl that you can throw away. Then, add the baking soda and stir until everything is well-mixed.

The next part is optional. You can add the food coloring now, or you can just leave it the same color. If you choose to add food coloring, be careful. Only use a little bit. If you use too much, the slime will color your hands and other surfaces.

Finally, add the contact lens solution very slowly. Push and pull the mixture until it becomes thick and putty-like. Do not add too much contact solution. If you add too much, the slime will feel too wet. It also won't last very long.

That's it! Now you are ready to play with the slime. Make sure to keep it away from younger brothers and sisters. This recipe is not edible. That means you can't eat it!

1. According to the author, why do kids like slime? *

- A. It lasts forever.
- B. It makes them feel good.
- C. It smells good.
- D. It makes great gifts.

2. What does the highlighted word "disposable" mean in the passage above? *

- A. able to use with baking soda
- B. able to pour in a cup or bowl
- C. able to throw away
- D. able to use many times

3. What does the highlighted word "optional" mean in the passage above? *

- A. You don't have to use it.
- B. You must use it.
- C. Everyone uses it.
- D. Your parent will make you use it.

4. According to the passage, which two of the following will happen if you used too much food coloring?

- A. It will make the slime smell funny.
- B. It will make the slime feel too wet.
- C. The slime will color your hands.
- D. The slime won't last very long.
- E. The slime will stain other surfaces.

5. Which word lets the reader know that the last ingredient will be used? *

- A. First
- B. Next
- C. Then
- D. Finally

6. According to the passage, why should slime be kept away from young children? *

- A. They do not like the way it feels.
- B. They might eat it.
- C. It's not their turn.
- D. It's only meant for adults.

7. What is the author's purpose for writing the passage? *

- A. to teach readers how to make slime
- B. to show readers the different colors to make slime
- C. to teach readers how to use baking soda
- D. to show readers when to use the kitchen