Cause and Effect

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Why Bread Dough Rises

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Yeast is too small to see. Bakers mix it with flour, water, and a little sugar. The yeast feeds on the sugar. As it feeds, it gives off a gas. The gas makes small bubbles all through the dough. Because the dough is stretchy, it holds the bubbles in. So the dough puffs up.

Warmth matters too. Yeast works faster in a warm kitchen. In a cold room, it slows down, so the dough rises slowly.

When the bread bakes, the heat makes the bubbles grow one last time. Then the oven heat stops the yeast. The bubbles stay inside as tiny holes. That is why a slice of bread is soft and full of holes.

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   water soaking into the flour

   gas bubbles from the yeast

   heat from the hot oven

2. What happens as a result of the yeast feeding on sugar?

   It makes the dough cold. It gives off a gas. It turns into flour.

3. Why does the dough hold the bubbles in?

   The dough is stretchy. The dough is warm. The dough is heavy.

4. What happens to dough in a cold room?

   It rises slowly. It rises faster. It never rises at all.

5. What stops the yeast from working?

   the bubbles in the dough the sugar in the dough the heat of the oven

6. Why is a slice of bread soft and full of holes?

- The baker pokes holes in the dough.
- Bubbles stay inside as it bakes.
- The flour already has holes in it.

7. What would happen if a baker forgot the yeast?

- The bread would have bigger holes.
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