

DANCING RAISIN

Toddlers and preschoolers may engage with this science experiment in different ways but both will enjoy and learn a lot from the experience. These are just some suggestions please change and adapt because you know your child best.

Toddlers:

- Count together before dropping the raisin (you can emphasize slow counting to work on waiting).
 - Ask your toddler what they see happening to the raisin in the cup?
 - Use your body to act out the motion you observe the raisin doing in the fizzy water. Do this with your toddler and use words to describe your motion (this promotes language as well as some laughter).
- Try the same experiment with dried cranberries and repeat the above questions.

Preschoolers:

- Let your preschooler pour and drop the raisin into the cups.
- Before they drop the raisin in both the water and the fizzy water ask them to tell you to predict (or guess) what will happen to the raisin.
- They can draw their prediction, or you can draw a prediction together.
- Ask your child to describe what they see as the raisin is dropped. Then go back to drawing and compare to the prediction they made.
- I wonder why the raisin moved in seltzer water and not water?
- I wonder if a cranberry or cran raisin would react the same way as the raisin. Try it!!