

The Snail and the Whale



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Create a Fiery Mountain!

In the show we have a volcano erupting live on stage. (Only a small one!)
Here's how you can make your own:

First make the 'cone' of the volcano.

Mix 6 cups of flour, 2 cups salt, 4 tablespoons cooking oil, and 2 cups of water.
The resulting mixture should be smooth and firm
(more water may be added if needed).

Stand a plastic bottle on a baking tray and mould the dough around it
into a volcano shape. (Don't cover the hole or drop dough into it.)

Fill the bottle most of the way full with warm water and a bit of
red food colour (this can be done before sculpting if you don't take
so long that the water gets cold).

Add 6 drops of washing up liquid to the bottle contents.
This helps trap the bubbles produced by the reaction so you get better lava.

Add 2 tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda to the liquid.

Slowly pour malt vinegar into the bottle.

Watch out – eruption time!