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Are you ready for a super fun and tasty adventure? Today, we're going to learn how to make something amazing: Popcorn Balls! Popcorn balls are sweet and crunchy treats that you can enjoy all year round. Follow these simple steps to make your own delicious popcorn balls.

Ingredients:

Popcorn (about 10 cups)

Sugar (1 cup)

Light corn syrup (1/3 cup,

Butter (1/3 cup)

A pinch of salt (just a tiny bit)

Vanilla extract (a few drops, about the size of a little raindrop)



Steps:

- 1. Pop the Popcorn:** First, ask a grown-up for help to pop the popcorn. You'll need about 10 cups of popped popcorn. Be sure to remove any unpopped kernels. It's like finding hidden treasures!
- 2. Prepare a Big Bowl:** Find a really big mixing bowl and put all the popped popcorn inside. This is where the magic happens!
- 3. Make the Sweet Syrup:** In a saucepan, mix the sugar, light corn syrup, butter, and a tiny pinch of salt. Cook it on the stove until it gets all gooey and shiny. It should look like a golden waterfall.
- 4. Add Vanilla:** Take a few drops of vanilla extract and put it into the sweet syrup. Vanilla makes everything taste better!
- 5. Mix the Popcorn:** Carefully pour the sweet syrup over the popcorn in the big bowl. Now, use a big spoon to gently mix it all together.
- 6. Get Your Hands Ready:** Ask a grown-up to help you with this part because it's still hot. Rub some butter on your hands so the popcorn won't stick to them.
- 7. Shape the Balls:** Take a handful of the sweet popcorn mixture and squeeze it together into a ball. You can make them as big or as small as you like. It's like creating your own little sweet world!



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8. **Cool and Set:** Place your popcorn balls on a tray or a piece of wax paper. Let them cool down and become nice and firm. It's like they're taking a little nap.

9. **Enjoy the Sweetness:** Once your popcorn balls are cool and set, it's time to enjoy the sweet rewards of your hard work. Take a big bite and savor the deliciousness!

10. **Share the Fun:** Popcorn balls are best when shared with friends and family. You can make extra and give them to your loved ones, or even bring them to a special celebration.

Making popcorn balls is like creating a magical treat that's both fun to make and scrumptious to eat. So, put on your chef hat, gather your ingredients, and have a popcorn ball-making adventure!

1. What is the text structure of this passage? (circle one)

description

cause and effect

compare and contrast

problem and solution

sequence

2. How much sugar is needed for the recipe? _____

3. What is step 5 of the recipe? _____

4. What should you do before you squeeze the popcorn mixture into a ball? _____

5. What does "unpopped" kernels mean? _____
