Activity Sheet; Baking Soda+Vinegar Volcano

Use baking soda and vinegar to create a chemical reaction! Watch as it rapidly fizzes over the container and make sure you've got towels ready to clean up.

You will need:

- Baking soda (not to be mistaken for baking powder)
- ✓ Vinegar
- ✓ A container to hold everything and avoid a mess!
- Paper towels or a cloth

Instructions:

- 1. Place some of the baking soda into your container.
- 2. Pour in some of the vinegar.
- 3. Watch as the reaction takes place.

What is happening?

The baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) is a base while the vinegar (acetic acid) is an acid. When they react together they form a carbonic acid which is very unstable, it instantly breaks into water and carbon dioxide, which creates all the fizzing as it escapes the solution.

* For extra effect you can make a realistic looking volcano. It takes some craft skills but will make your vinegar and baking soda eruptions even more impressive.



