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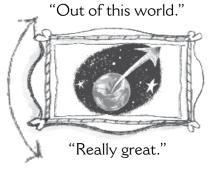
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"Don't let the bedbugs bite!"

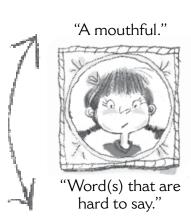


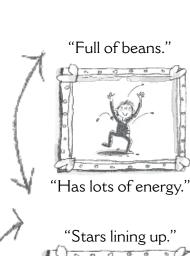
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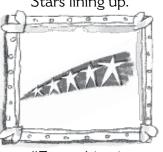


"Hard to swallow."

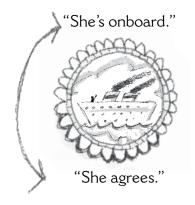
"Difficult to believe."



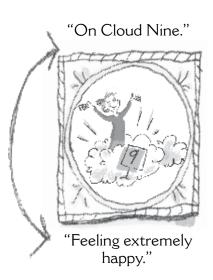




"Everything is coming together."





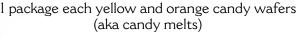


SATURN CAKE POPS

They are out of this world!

Ingredients

I box cake mix (any flavor)
I can frosting



Wax or parchment paper 18–20 Iollipop sticks 1 cookie sheet



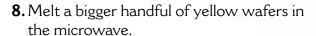


Box poked with holes, or glasses filled with rice 1 ziplock bag

Directions

- 1. Bake cake according to directions on the box.
- 2. Let the cake cool, then crumble it into a bowl.
- **3.** Add 4 teaspoons of frosting and mix thoroughly. If cake is dry, add a bit more frosting.
- **4.** Roll the cake mixture into Ping-Pong-sized balls. (There'll be about 18 of them.)
- **5.** Microwave a few yellow candy wafers in a mug or other container. Heat the candy 20 seconds at a time, so wafers don't burn.
- 6. Dip lollipop sticks into the melted wafers and then poke them halfway into the cake pops. Put cake pops on a cookie sheet lined with wax or parchment paper.
- **7.** Freeze the cake pops on the cookie sheet for 20 minutes.





- **9.** Dip cake pops into the melted wafers. Tap stick gently to remove excess coating, then slowly twirl the pops until coating is smooth.
- **10.** Stand cake pops in the box with holes (or in glasses with rice) to harden.
- 11. Line cookie sheet with fresh wax/parchment paper.
- **12.** Microwave a large handful of orange candy wafers (20 seconds at a time).
- **13.** Pour the orange melted wafers into a ziplock bag. Snip a small corner, to use it as a piping bag.
- 14. Measure the diameter of a few cake pops, then carefully draw cake pop–sized circles on the cookie sheet with the melted orange candy. (These will be Saturn's rings!)
- **15.** Put the cookie sheet into the freezer until the rings harden.
- **16.** After the rings harden, place them around the middle of the pops. You may have to gently trim to fit or add some melted chocolate so they will stick.
- 17. Enjoy your Saturn cake pops!

Ask a grown-up to help with the oven and microwave!

