

# TOOTH DECAY

## EGG EXPERIMENT

### You'll need

Eggs  
Container  
Water  
Tea/Coffee  
Fizzy flavoured drink  
Vinegar  
Toothpaste



### Instructions

Pour the same amount of fizzy drink, vinegar, water and tea or coffee into your containers.

Add a whole raw egg still in it's shell to each container.

Leave for approximately two day.

Remove the eggs and record how their appearance has changed.

Rinse the egg kept in vinegar and rub gently until the shell comes away.

### Why does this happen?

Egg shell is made from a similar substance to the enamel on our teeth.

Tea is rich in tannins which stain teeth if they're not cleaned properly.

Cola and fizzy drinks are acidic as well as containing staining products.

Vinegar ( which is acidic) dissolves the calcium carbonate in the egg shell, allowing it to be washed away. You should find just the membrane of the egg is left behind as the egg shell is dissolved.

Imagine if that was your tooth!

### Challenge

Cover half an egg with toothpaste before placing it in the coffee or fizzy drink. Does the toothpaste protect the egg?



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