



## COOL DRINK

Some parents mix Kool-Aid® on hot, sunny days. Kids like to mix it too. Kool-Aid is not very good for you, but every once in a while it is a nice treat.

Edwin Perkins made Kool-Aid in 1927. He had a company that sold perfume and cards. After a while, he wanted to sell more things. So, he tried to make things no one else had thought of.

First, he made a drink called "Fruit Smack." He sold it in little glass bottles. People liked the drink. He changed the name to "Kool-Ade." He did not put it in bottles. It was dry. He put it in little packets, and people went crazy over it.

Edwin changed the name again. He called it "Kool-Aid." This time the name was a good name. He made it in cherry, grape, and orange. He made other flavors, too.

The new name was great. The drink was great. Moms just had to add sugar. They just had to mix it up with water. Kids today still like Kool-Aid on a hot day!



### STORY QUESTIONS

1. "Fruit Smack" was . . .
  - a. getting hit with a "fruit" punch in the arm.
  - b. something to put on your lips.
  - c. a fruit cup.
  - d. the first name for Kool-Aid.
  
2. Which man made the first Kool-Aid?
 

a. Edwin Perkins	c. Babe Ruth
b. Laura Bush	d. Denzel Washington
  
3. In the passage, Kool-Aid was for making kids . . .
  - a. hot on a cool day.
  - b. cool on a hot day.
  - c. feel strong.