



How to set up a lemonade stand

Budding junior entrepreneurs will love this idea for an old-fashioned lemonade stand.

Setting up a lemonade stand is a triple treat for kids - it lets them have fun in the kitchen, it uses their creative skills and, if they're lucky, adds to their pocket money fund. They also get to interact with people - which is good for building self-confidence.

This recipe is simple, inexpensive and harnesses the natural sweetness of honey as a healthier alternative to refined sugar.

Apart from making the lemonade from scratch, all you need to do is create an eye-catching sign and set up your stand on the day you want to do business.

Ensure the stand is in a safe position, well away from the street and traffic and, if smaller children are taking part, that they are well supervised.

You can make lemonade with three ingredients!





What you'll need:

For the lemonade (makes about 2 litres)

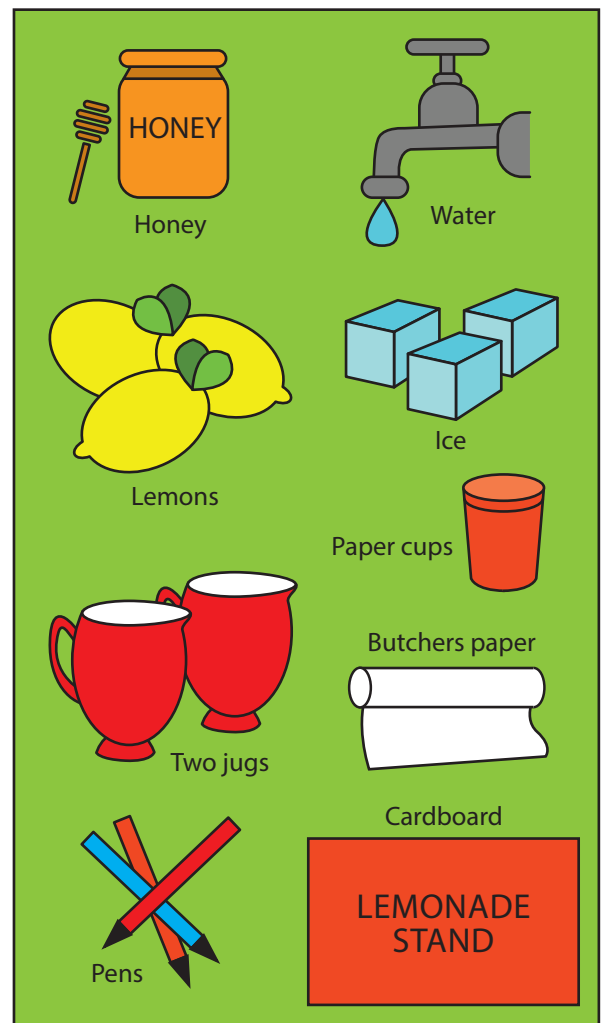
- ½ cup honey
- 1.8 litres water
- 350ml fresh lemon juice
- Ice, to serve
- Lemon slices, to serve

To serve

- Jugs
- Eco-friendly paper cups

For the stand

- Butchers paper, to cover the table
- Texas, felt pens, crayons or poster paints, to decorate
- A sheet of cardboard, for the sign





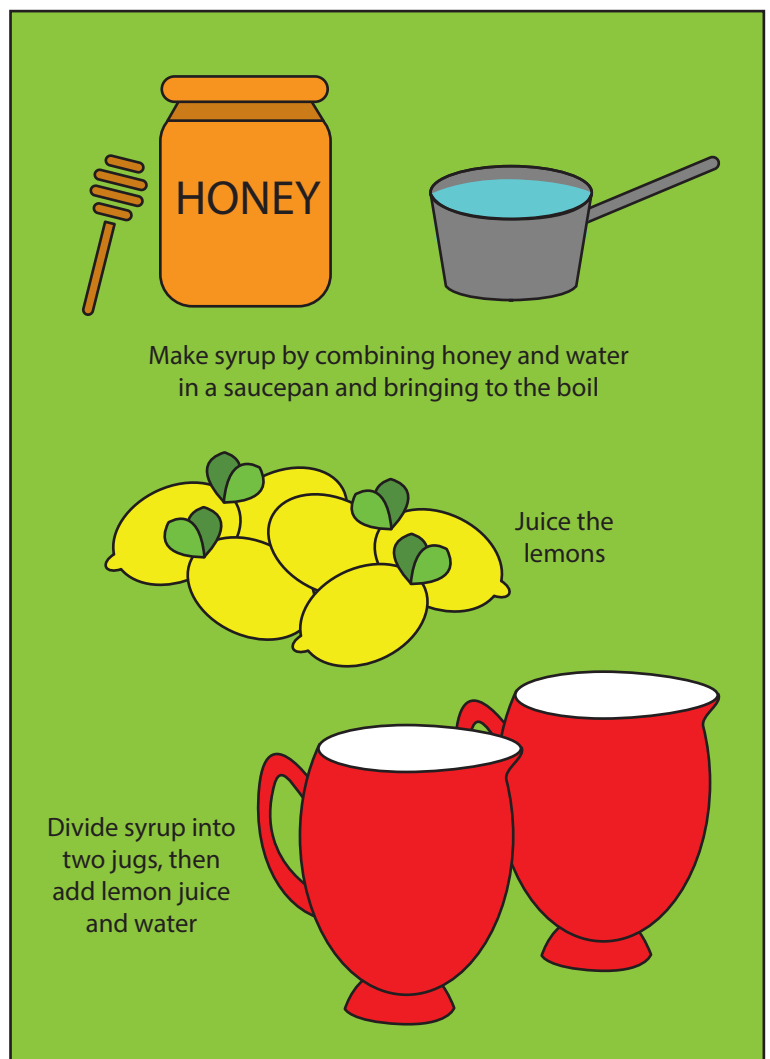
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1. To make the syrup for the lemonade, you'll need adult supervision. Put the honey and 250ml water into a small saucepan and bring to the boil. Once the honey has dissolved, remove from heat.

2. Pour into a container and allow to cool. When cool, refrigerate for several hours until chilled.

3. Then divide syrup into two jugs. Add 175ml lemon juice to each jug, along with 775ml water. Stir to combine.

4. Refrigerate until ready to use. Then add ice cubes and lemon slices to each jug.





Setting the table

While your lemonade is cooling, it's time to get creative. First, decide what table you will use for your stand, and measure it. Cut enough butchers paper to cover the table's length, with a 20cm overhang at each end. Now let your imaginations run wild. Use crayons, Textas, felt pens or paint to design a colourful fun "tablecloth".

Everyone can work on this project together - it's not about getting it "right", it's about getting creative and having fun.

You also need to make a sign for your stand. Older kids might want to be responsible for writing the words "Lemonade Stand". Younger children could decorate the sign with pictures of lemons.

Open for business

Now all the work's been done, it's simply a matter of setting up your stand and opening for business. If business is a bit slow, have a go at decorating the paper cups, too.

If it's a warm day, don't forget to wear hats and sunscreen. And whatever price you decide to set for your lemonade, make sure you have change to give to your customers.

Turn your tablecloth into an artwork using pens and paint.

