

Fruit Fun

Ellen’s favorite pastime was making things, so she was delighted when her aunt sent her a box of modeling clay. The clay was soft and gooey, and Ellen could press and mold it into all kinds of shapes.

Ellen started by creating different kinds of fruits—apples, bananas, oranges, pears, plums, grapefruit, peaches, and lemons. She arranged her best pieces of fruit in a fancy china bowl, and when her mother saw the bowl, she was amazed at how real the fruit looked. That gave Ellen and her mother an idea, and together they set the pretty bowl in the center of the dining room table.

That evening when Dad came home, he immediately noticed the fruit bowl.

“Those peaches look so ripe and delicious!” Dad exclaimed.

Ellen started laughing and she couldn’t stop.

“What are you laughing at?” Dad demanded.

Dad reached out and chose the prettiest peach. Right away he realized why Ellen was laughing.

“You completely fooled me,” he said. “This peach certainly looks good enough to eat.”

1. What did Ellen make with the modeling clay?
2. Why did Ellen laugh when her father said the peaches look delicious?