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How do popcorn kernels pop?

BIG QUESTION: Pick one question to decipher using the KWL chart below.

How do popcorn kernels pop? How do salmon know where to return to spawn? How do rabbits change colors? Why does television fry your brain? How do zippers zip stuff? Who was the fastest runner in the world?

K (Know). This podcast reminds me of:

W (Want to know). I want to know:

L (Learned). In the podcast I learned:

Ask an expert. Who?

Find a safe source. Where?

What will you ask?

What other questions do you have about this topic? How will you find the answer?