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| <p>Stacy pierced a potato and cooked it 4 minutes at high power just as the recipe said. She immediately took the potato out of the oven and sat down to eat. But the potato was still not cooked in the center.</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |

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| <p>Marla cooked pasta in an aluminum pan on a conventional stove top. Then she drained out the water, added some spaghetti sauce, and put the pan in the microwave oven to heat for 3½ minutes at high power.</p> | <p>Don't use an aluminum pan in the microwave oven because the microwaves can't go through metal. Warm sauce in a glass bowl then add it to the noodles.</p> |
| <p>We've heated soup in a large bowl in the microwave oven. After 4 minutes at high power, the soup was very hot on the edges, but still cold in the center.</p> | <p>Microwaves were probably not able to get to the center of the bowl. Stir sauce several times while heating.</p> |
| <p>Tom emptied some frozen peas out of a bag into a glass dish. He added a tablespoon of water and then covered the dish tightly with plastic wrap. He microwaved the peas at high power for 6 minutes.</p> | <p>With the bowl covered tightly, steam may build up and break plastic cover. Leave a small vent so steam can escape.</p> |
| <p>Stacy pierced a potato and cooked it 4 minutes at high power just as the recipe said. She immediately took the potato out of the oven and sat down to eat. But the potato was still not cooked in the center.</p> | <p>Potato didn't have time to finish cooking. Allow standing time before eating so potato can finish cooking.</p> |