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2. Spit the water back into the cup.
3. GENTLY add a few drops of concentrated detergent to your spit water solution. Swirl without making bubbles. The detergent lyses cell membranes to release your DNA into the solution.
4. Sprinkle a little bit of meat tenderizer on your solution (this also helps to lyse cell membranes).
5. Carefully pour your solution into a test tube until the test tube is HALF full.
6. Mr. Stone will pour icy-cold 99% ethanol onto your solution.
7. Observe for 5 minutes and record observations below.

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