

Reading

1. How much do you know about ice cream? Circle the answers you think are correct. Then read the text and check your answers.

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| 1. What is the most popular flavor? | 3. Who eats the most ice cream? |
| a. chocolate | a. Americans |
| b. fruit flavors | b. Australians |
| c. vanilla | c. the British |
| 2. How many flavors are there? | 4. Who eats the most ice cream? |
| a. less than 50 | a. young children |
| b. hundreds | b. teenagers |
| c. thousands | c. people in their 20s and 30s |

Did you know?

- There are thousands of flavors of ice cream. The most popular flavor is vanilla. Chocolate is a distant second. There are some very unusual flavors of ice cream—for example, garlic and avocado!
- The most popular topping for ice cream is chocolate syrup.
- Children between the ages of 2 and 12 and adults over 45 eat the most ice cream.
- The top ice-cream-eating country is the United States. The next four countries are New Zealand, Denmark, Australia, and Belgium.
- Americans eat 21 liters of ice cream a year. The British eat 8 liters.
- Thousands of years ago Roman Emperor Nero sent his slaves to the mountains to collect snow. Nero used the snow to freeze his favorite fruit drinks. This was probably the first frozen dessert.
- In the 7th century in China, King Tang of Shang liked to eat a dessert made from ice and milk. This was probably the first example of ice cream.
- In the 1890s, Italo Marchiony sold his homemade ice cream on the streets of New York. He served his ice cream in glass dishes, but people broke the dishes or walked away with them. This was a big problem, so Italo Marchiony made an ice cream container that people could eat. This was the first ice cream cone!

2. Answer the questions.

1. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?
2. Do you like toppings on your ice cream? If so, what kind?
3. Which information in the text is surprising to you?

