



# Food & Drink

## Fruit & Veg 2



"Where being a 'fan' means knowing way too much useless info."

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9. What is the French term for pineapple?
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1. In which year did bananas first become available for sale in the United Kingdom: 1533, 1633, or 1733?	1. 1633	1. Bananas were introduced to Europe through Portuguese explorers who brought them from West Africa. However, they remained a rare luxury fruit for many years before becoming widely available.
2. What starchy vegetable is traditionally used as the primary ingredient in classic Italian gnocchi?	2. Potato	2. While modern gnocchi often use potatoes, the earliest versions in Italy were made from semolina or breadcrumbs before potatoes became widely available.
3. When placed in water, which fruit floats and which sinks: a lemon or a lime?	3. Lemons float; limes sink	3. Lemons tend to float because they have more air pockets inside, making them less dense than water, while limes are denser and tend to sink.
4. Which fruit was the first to be eaten on the moon by an astronaut?	4. Peach	4. During the Apollo 11 mission, astronauts enjoyed peaches as part of their space food, marking the first time fruit was eaten on the lunar surface.
5. Which vegetable is the Vale of Evesham in England especially known for cultivating?	5. Asparagus	5. The Vale of Evesham has a microclimate and rich soil perfect for asparagus, making it one of the UK's leading producers of this delicacy.
6. Who is historically credited with introducing cabbage to England?	6. The Romans	6. Cabbage was introduced to Britain by Roman settlers, who valued it for its versatility and nutritional benefits.
7. What type of fruit is the Bing?	7. Cherry	7. The Bing cherry was developed in Oregon in the 19th century and is now one of the most popular sweet cherry varieties worldwide.
8. What type of fruit is the Northern Spy?	8. Apple	8. The Northern Spy apple, known for its tart flavour and firm texture, originated in New York in the early 19th century and is prized for baking.
9. What is the French term for pineapple?	9. Ananas	9. Most European languages use a variation of "ananas" for pineapple, derived from the Tupi-Guarani word meaning "excellent fruit."
10. The plant genus <i>Fragaria</i> is known for producing which popular fruit?	10. Strawberry	10. Strawberries are unique because their seeds grow on the outside of the fruit, unlike most fruits where seeds are inside.
11. Purple sprouting is a variety of which vegetable?	11. Broccoli	11. Purple sprouting broccoli is prized for its tender stems and rich, sweet flavour, often harvested in late winter and early spring.
12. Braeburn, Pink Lady, and Royal Gala are all varieties of which fruit?	12. Apple	12. There are over 7,500 apple varieties worldwide, each with its own flavour profile, texture, and ideal use.