

Mustard

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Mustard is one of the world's great _____. People eat it on hamburgers, hot dogs, and _____. Some mustard is mellow, and some is flamethrower hot.

Mustard is very old. Two _____ years ago, Romans ate it at dinner tables. Around the year 800, they _____ to Europe during their conquests. By the 1300s, Dijon was the center of mustard _____. Today, that French city is still famous for its specialty mustard.

Mustard is made from _____ mustard plant seeds. Its unique spicy _____ comes from a combination of two main ingredients: the seeds and _____. There are three kinds of seeds. The yellow ones create a _____ taste. Brown seeds yield a medium-hot food _____. Black seeds produce an _____ heat, the kind that can burn your tongue.

Mustard mixed with white wine or vinegar is comparatively _____. Water gives mustard its pungent taste. The hottest ones are made with cold water. Hot water _____ some of the oils that produce heat.

Around the _____, there are four basic types of mustard. Yellow mustard has a _____ appearance and rather bland taste. Famous for a shiny lemon color, it's a standard fixture at family picnics and _____ games. Honey mustard provides a nice balance between _____ and tang. It's wonderful on ham sandwiches.

Brimming with _____ flavors, Dijon is commonly served in high-quality sandwich restaurants. Made with a high _____ of brown or black seeds and white wine, it has a _____ texture and a sharp aroma that will _____ your nose.

There are several blistering hot _____. In England, people buy the powdered _____ in a can and add water at home. In Japan and China, mustard _____ is sold in tubes. It's so seriously hot, the toughest men are _____ tears after one bite.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. spicy | a. smooth |
| 2. gentle | b. sharp |
| 3. creamy | c. zest |
| 4. tang | d. moderate |
| 5. aroma | e. smell |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Mustard was invented in France. T or F
2. Black and yellow seeds create hot mustard. T or F
3. Cold water makes mustard extra spicy. T or F
4. Hot dogs with Dijon are a popular food at baseball games.
T or F
5. Bland mustard has a shiny yellow appearance. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

LMWLEO _____

NNIEEST _____

NIEUUQ _____

UPNETGN _____

IDQLUI _____

TATICNEORNOCN _____

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What kind of listening story is this?
 2. What is a condiment?
 3. Do you like eating food with mustard? What's your favorite?
 4. What makes mustard hot?
 5. Describe the four classes of mustard.
 6. Which countries have the hottest mustard?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. an / the / seeds / heat / intense / burn / kind / Black / your / that / produce / can / tongue

2. for / shiny / standard / color / picnics / family / games / at / lemon / fixture / and / a / baseball / a / it's / Famous

3. mellow / is / and / Some / is / hot / some / flamethrower / mustard

4. people / version / can / in / England / home / buy / a / the / add / water / powdered / In / at / and

5. Mustard / plant / from / seeds / made / ground / mustard / is
