



TASTE THE WORLD

Corn

Did you know that there are thousands of different kinds of corn? And that corn is a key ingredient in nearly every dish in Mexico? Or that there's corn in fireworks? You'll learn this and more in World Book's *Taste the World! Corn*. Along the way, you'll find fun food facts and learn how to make some tasty recipes!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. Corn developed from a wild tall grass called ...
 - a. Balché
 - b. Tamale
 - c. Atole
 - d. Teosinte
2. The Corn Palace is located in ...
 - a. Ohio
 - b. South Dakota
 - c. Iowa
 - d. Missouri
3. The Japanese word for corn is ...
 - a. Tomorokoshi
 - b. Milho verde
 - c. Maize
 - d. Hallaca
4. One of the oldest types of corn is ...
 - a. Flint corn
 - b. Delta corn
 - c. Flour corn
 - d. Waxy corn
5. What is *balché*—a drink or a dessert?
6. *Pamonha* is a national dish in which country?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Corn is sometimes called "prairie gold." | _____ 4. Chewing gum is made with corn. |
| _____ 2. Every ear of corn has an odd number of rows of kernels. | _____ 5. Corn is used in fireworks. |
| _____ 3. English colonists kidnapped Pocahontas and demanded corn as ransom. | _____ 6. Each ear of corn has long soft threads at the top called husks. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Teosinte.** According to the section "In The Beginning ... " on page 10, we know that "Scientists have determined that corn developed from a wild tall grass called teosinte." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. b. South Dakota.** According to the section "World's Corniest Attraction" on page 20, we know that "Mitchell, South Dakota, is home to the world's only Corn Palace!" So, the correct answer is B.
- 3. a. Tomorokoshi.** According to the section "Japan" on page 26, we know that "Tomorokoshi is the name for corn in Japan." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. c. Flour corn.** According to the section "There Are Many Kinds of Corn" on page 33, we know that "Flour corn is one of the oldest types of corn." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 13, *balché* is a fermented drink.
- 6.** According to page 29, *Pamonha* is a national dish in Brazil.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to the section "What Is Corn?" on page 6, we know that "Corn is sometimes called 'prairie gold' because farmers in the prairie states of the United States earn money from the corn they grow." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to the section "A Closer Look at the Corn Plant" on page 9, we know that "Every ear of corn has an even number of rows of kernels." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to the section "United States" on page 16, we know that in 1613, English colonists kidnapped Pocahontas, the daughter of a powerful Native American chief. They demanded a boatload of corn as ransom for her return!" So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to the section "A Trip to the Supermarket" on page 23, we know that "Chewing gum is made with corn." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to the section "More Things You Can Do With Corn!" on page 45, we know that there's corn in fireworks." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to the section "A Closer Look at the Corn Plant" on page 8, we know that "Each ear of corn has long soft threads at the top called *silk*." So, the correct answer is False.