



## TASTE THE WORLD

# Tomato

Did you know that many people once believed that tomatoes were poisonous? And that in German folklore certain plants related to tomatoes were believed to be used by witches to produce werewolves? Or that a tomato-throwing festival is held every year in Spain? You'll learn this and more in World Book's *Taste the World! Tomato*. Along the way, you'll find fun food facts and learn how to make some tasty recipes!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The year that the Supreme Court ruled the tomato a vegetable is ...
  - a. 1839
  - b. 1938
  - c. 1983
  - d. 1893
2. Heirloom tomatoes are pollinated by ...
  - a. Humans
  - b. Insects
  - c. Small animals
  - d. Birds
3. Tomatoes originated in ...
  - a. South America
  - b. Asia
  - c. Europe
  - d. North America
4. The Italian name for tomato is ...
  - a. Pomme d'amour
  - b. Tomatl
  - c. Tomate
  - d. Pomodoro
5. The scientific name for tomato is *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*. What does that mean?
6. Salsa is the Spanish word for what?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Tomatoes can grow indoors and outdoors.                      | _____ 4. The beefsteak tomato is called the "king of tomato." |
| _____ 2. People were afraid to eat tomatoes.                          | _____ 5. The tomato is Ohio's state fruit.                    |
| _____ 3. There is a higher concentration of sugar in larger tomatoes. | _____ 6. The seeds of tomatoes have a lot of flavor.          |



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. 1893.** According to the section "What Is a Tomato?" on page 7, we know that "On May 10, 1893, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the tomato is a vegetable." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. b. Insects.** According to the section "Types of Tomatoes" on page 10, we know that "Heirloom tomatoes are *pollinated* by insects." So, the correct answer is B.
- 3. a. South America.** According to the section "South America" on page 12, we know that "Tomatoes originated in South America." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. d. Pomodoro.** According to the section "Italy" on page 22, we know that "The Italian name for tomato is *pomodoro*." So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 11, *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* means *wolf peach*.
- 6.** According to page 16, *salsa* is the Spanish word for *sauce*.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to the section "A Closer Look at the Tomato Plant ..." on page 8, we know that "Tomatoes may be grown indoors or outdoors." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to the section "A Closer Look at the Tomato Plant ..." on page 9, we know that many people were afraid to eat tomatoes because they are related to several poisonous plants in the nightshade family?" So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to the section "Types of Tomatoes" on page 11, we know that "There is a higher concentration of sugar in a smaller tomato." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to the section "Choosing the Right Tomato for the Job" on page 26, we know that "The large, juicy beefsteak is called the 'king of tomato.'" So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to the section "Perfecting the Tomato" on page 33, we know that "The tomato is the state fruit of Ohio and Tennessee." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to the section "Perfecting the Tomato" on page 33, we know that the seeds of the tomato have no flavor?" So, the correct answer is False.