



AUSTRALIAN BANANAS

Fast facts quiz answers

Below are answers to each of the 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' on Alex's favourite 'Australian bananas' facts provided on a separate sheet.

1. Australians munch their way through around 5,000,000 bananas every day.
2. Bananas were first introduced into Australia back in the mid-1800s.
3. People living in Western Australia were the first to taste bananas.
4. The most popular type of banana grown in Australia are Cavendish bananas.
5. 'Lady finger' bananas are commonly found growing in Aussie backyards.
6. Bananas grow on non-woody stem plants, not trees.
7. Banana plants are officially referred to as 'giant herbs'.
8. Approximately 500 different types of banana plants are growing around the world.
9. It takes about 12 months for a banana plant to produce its first large bunch of bananas.
10. An average bunch of bananas growing on a banana plant contains 150 – 200 bananas and weighs about 35 – 50 kilograms.
11. Today, 90% of bananas grown in Australia come from around Tully and Innisfail in north Queensland.
12. It's important to keep overseas bananas out of Australia because they could have pests and diseases that could threaten the health of our lovely Aussie bananas.
13. Even though a banana feels firm, it is actually made up of 75% water.
14. Bananas are bent because as they grow and develop, they defy gravity and curl upwards toward the sun.
15. Left to ripen naturally on their plants, organic bananas are usually picked just five days before they go to the market.