



# AUSTRALIAN BANANAS

## Fast facts quiz questions

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Below are 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' on Alex's favourite 'Australian bananas' facts for students. Answers to the questions are provided on a separate sheet.

1. Approximately how many bananas are eaten in Australia every single day?
2. When were bananas first introduced to Australia?
3. People living in which state in Australia were the first to taste bananas?
4. What is the most popular type of banana grown in Australia today?
5. What is the name of the type of banana that is commonly grown in Aussie backyards?
6. Bananas do not grow on trees but on a 'non-woody stem' what?
7. Banana plants are officially referred to as what?
8. Approximately how many different varieties of banana plants grow around the world?
9. How long does a banana plant take to produce its first bunch of bananas?
10. How many bananas are you likely to find in an average bunch hanging on the banana plant and how much is the bunch likely to weigh?
11. Today, what percentage of bananas grown in Australia come from around Tully and Innisfail in north Queensland?
12. Why is it important to keep overseas bananas out of Australia?
13. How much water can be found in a peeled banana?
14. Why are bananas bent?
15. Left to ripen naturally on their plants, organic bananas are usually picked how many days before they go to the market?

### For discussion or research for students

- Discover more about 'Lady Finger' bananas seeing as these bananas often grow in Aussie back yards.
- Why do we see large bunches of bananas covered with plastic while they are still hanging on a banana plant?
- What is the complete lifecycle of a banana from when it is a seedling through to when it arrives at the local market or supermarket.
- What does a red banana look like when peeled, and where do they grow?