

# Tongues

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## Tongues

• You use your tongue to talk and sing, and to taste and to eat. Here are some interesting facts about tongues.

• Your tongue is one of the most touch-sensitive parts of your body.

• The tongue is the strongest muscle in your body. It is also one of the most flexible.

• A chameleon's tongue is twice the length of its body.

• Giraffes have bluish-purple tongues which are tough and covered in bristly hair to help them eat thorny Acacia trees.



How many more interesting tongue facts can you find?

## Tongue Twisters

Repeat these tongue twisters several times, as quickly as possible, without stumbling or mispronouncing.

1. Red lorry, yellow lorry.
2. A box of mixed biscuits, a mixed biscuit box.
3. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper  
picked?

Try writing a tongue twister.

## Tasting

On your tongue, there are "taste buds" called papillae for picking up different tastes.

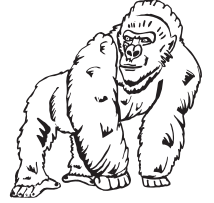
Four of the basic types of taste are sour, bitter, sweet and salty.

Taste each of these foods and liquids and decide whether they are sour, bitter, sweet or salty.  
salt, sugar, lemon juice, coffee.

List some more examples of sour, bitter, sweet and salty foods and liquids.

## Writing a Menu

Design and write an imaginative ice cream menu for animals at the zoo.



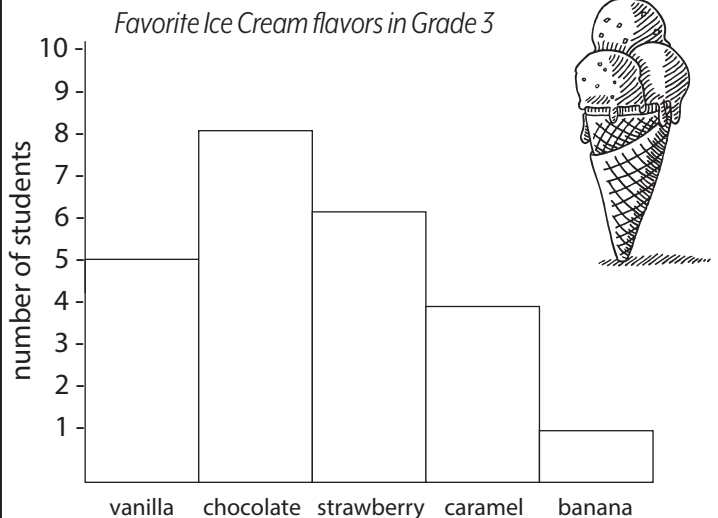
What interesting and unusual ice cream flavors would different animals like to taste.

Design your menu as though it would be for an exclusive ice cream shop and think of names for each flavor.

For example, the anteater may enjoy "crunchy ant chocolate chip" and the seals would probably like "slimy fish and salty seaweed".

Add pictures and a border to your menu.

## Number Crunchers



How many like vanilla best?

How many like strawberry best?

How many like caramel best?

What flavor was most popular?

What flavor was least popular?