

TEXTO

THE ORIGINS OF FOOD

Many plants only grew on certain places on Earth, often deep in the jungle. The home of potatoes is in the mountains of the Andes in South America. Bananas come from Papua New Guinea and lemons grow wild in China.

But once people realised that many of these plants were good to eat, they took them far from the places where they grew. Arab merchants transported different fruits and vegetables around the world, such as oranges which they took from Asia to distant countries such as Spain and Sicily. The Spanish returned from South America with many new types of food, including chocolate, chilli and corn.

People often had problems deciding what to do with these new fruits and vegetables, or used them for different purposes from today. Carrots were used not as food but as medicine to protect people from poison or even to make people fall in love. The first tomatoes and pineapples were grown to make the garden look pretty. And many people were worried about potatoes because their leaves are poisonous and poorer people believed they could be used for black magic. In Germany, people only began eating potatoes when the king ordered that people who do not eat them would have their ears and noses cut off.

Today we are so used to different types of food that we don't think about where they came from. But for each pineapple, potato or carrot we eat, there is a long history.

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Cuestiones

1. According to the text, are the statements below TRUE (T) or FALSE (F): (0.4 puntos cada respuesta correcta. Total: 2 puntos)

1.1. Lemons come from Papua New Guinea:

False

1.2. Arab merchants took oranges from Asia:

True

1.3. The Spanish took chocolate, chilli and corn to South America:

False

1.4. Carrots were used to make people love another person:

True

1.5. German people thought that eating potatoes made your ears and noses grow:

False

2. Match the synonym of the words below with a word from the box: (0.4 puntos por palabra correcta. Total: 2 puntos)

MEDICINE	FOREST	OBJECTIVES	SELLERS	MOVED
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- 2.1. JUNGLE forest (Paragraph 1)
 2.2. MERCHANTS sellers (Paragraph 2)
 2.3. TRANSPORTED moved (Paragraph 2)
 2.4. PURPOSES objectives (Paragraph 3)
 2.5. REMEDY medicine (Paragraph 3)

3. Complete the following sentences. use the appropriate form of the words in brackets when given. (0.2 PUNTOS POR ESPACIO CORRECTO. TOTAL: 2 PUNTOS)

- 3.1. Emily eats (1) (eat) vegetables every day.
 3.2. At the moment, I am growing (2) (grow) some tomatoes in my garden.
 3.3. I have breakfast at (3) 8 o'clock. It consists of a (4) cup of coffee and two pieces of toast with (5) butter and jam.
 3.4. Arabs brought (6) (bring) oranges to Spain in the 10th century.
 3.5. A lemon is a type of fruit whose (7) skin can be green or yellow.
 3.6. I love going to (8) Italian restaurants.
 3.7. Beef costs 15€ per kilo and pork 10€ per kilo. Beef is more (9) expensive than (10) pork.

4. Complete Dan's words in the conversation below with the sentences from the box: (0.4 puntos por cada espacio correcto. Total: 2 puntos)

I guess rice is an important food in a lot of countries.	No. Just water to cook the rice.
It's really easy to make. The main ingredients are chicken and rice, and there are other vegetables.	It's chicken casserole. This is my grandmother's recipe.
Yes, it has broccoli and mushrooms. It also has a little butter.	

Laura: Dan, this is really good! What is it?

Dan: 4.1. It's chicken casserole. This is my grandmother's recipe.

Mei: I love it! What's in it?

Dan: 4.2. It's really easy to make. The main ingredients are chicken and rice, and there are other vegetables.

Laura: The green vegetable is broccoli, right?

Dan: 4.3. Yes, it has broccoli and mushrooms. It also has a little butter.

Mei: Does it have milk?

Dan: 4.4. No. Just water to cook the rice.

Laura: We have a similar dish in Colombia. It has rice, chicken, peas, and carrots.

Mei: In China, we eat a lot of dishes with rice, vegetables, and different kinds of meat.

Dan: 4.5. I guess rice is an important food in a lot of countries.

5. What is your favourite food? Why? Who cooks it? What type of food do you normally eat? Do you eat healthy? (Write 60-80 words.)

Se valorará la coherencia textual, así como la apropiada utilización de las construcciones gramaticales, la ortografía y el vocabulario. (Total: 2 puntos).

My favourite food is pasta and pizza because it is easy to cook and tasty. I love to cook it myself but I sometimes order it to restaurants, and when we eat out I tend to order it too. However, I leave this kind of food for especial occasions like some weekends and I usually eat balanced including vegetables, fish, meat and fruit regularly.