

Pumpkin Trivia

1. A pumpkin is:
 - A. A vegetable
 - B. A protein
 - C. A noodle
 - D. A fruit

2. The largest pumpkin ever grown was:
 - A. 800 pounds
 - B. 1200 pounds
 - C. 525 pounds
 - D. 1502 pounds
 - E. 1446 pounds

3. When is the best time of year to plant a pumpkin seed?
 - A. End September/ beginning of October
 - B. End of May/ beginning of June
 - C. End of April/ beginning of May
 - D. End of January/ beginning of February

4. Pumpkins will grow in every country except:
 - A. South America
 - B. Africa
 - E. Alaska
 - F. Japan
 - G. Antarctica

5. What is the percentage of water in a pumpkin?
 - A. 50%
 - B. 90%
 - C. 75%
 - D. 2%

6. Which state grows the most pumpkins?
 - A. Alabama
 - B. California
 - C. Illinois
 - D. Arizona
 - E. Florida

7. What were pumpkins once recommended for?
 - A. Removal of Freckles
 - B. Diarrhea
 - C. Curing snake bites
 - D. Indigestion
 - E. Both A and C
 - F. Both B and D

8. What colors are pumpkins available in?
- A. Orange
 - B. Red
 - C. White
 - D. Green
 - E. Yellow
 - F. Tan
 - G. Blue
 - H. All of the above
 - I. Orange, white and green
9. Which country did the tradition of carving pumpkins come from?
- A. Italy
 - B. Yugoslavia
 - C. Ireland
 - D. England
 - E. Germany
10. Where did the term "pumpkin head" come from in colonial times?
- A. The pumpkin meat was placed on the forehead of a sick person to draw out the fever.
 - B. During Halloween they had pumpkin look alike contests.
 - C. Pumpkin halves were used as guides for haircuts in colonial times.
 - D. It meant they were empty headed, referring to the hollow sound made when tapping a pumpkin.
11. Native American Indians used pumpkin for?
- A. Food
 - B. Food and medicine
 - C. Food, medicine and mats
12. How big was the largest Jack O Lantern carving?
- A. 1,469 pounds
 - B. 1,234 pounds
 - C. 820 pounds
13. How did the pumpkin pie originate?
- A. Someone accidentally poured cinnamon instead of chili powder into a pumpkin that was roasting.
 - B. As a dessert, colonists would hollow out a pumpkin and fill it with milk, spices and honey and then roast on hot ashes.
 - C. Back in colony times, a person entertaining filled a pie crust with roasted pumpkin when they realized they were out of apple pie filling.
14. In the nursery rhyme peter, peter pumpkin eater, what couldn't peter do?
- A. Eat no lean
 - B. Keep his wife
 - C. Eat anything but pumpkin
15. How fast is the fastest documented pumpkin carving?
- A. 45.23 seconds
 - B. 24.03 seconds
 - C. 8.5 seconds

PUMPKIN TRIVIA- ANSWER SHEET

1. D, A fruit
2. D, 1502 pounds
3. B, End of May/ beginning of June
4. G, Antarctica
5. B, 90%
6. C, Illinois
7. E, A and C
8. H, All of the above

9. C. Ireland
10. C, Pumpkin halves were used as guides for haircuts in colonial times.
11. C, Food, medicine and mats

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15. B, 24.03 seconds