

Grapes

How do grapes grow?

Grapes are grown on vines that produce clusters of grapes. Grapes are grown in orchards which use a trellis system to help "train" the grapes on how to grow. An irrigation system is used to help give the vines lots of water.

Grapes can be green, pink, red, blue or purple in colour. Some varieties of grapes have seeds, while others are seedless.

Grapes grown in Ontario are available in August/September. 60-70% of all the grapes grown in Canada are from Ontario; the Niagara region (near Niagara Falls) is where most Ontario grapes are grown. Most of the grapes grown in Ontario are used to make wine. The most common type of table grapes (grapes that we eat as snacks) grown in Ontario are called Sovereign Coronation, which is a blue grape.



Where did they come from?

Grapes have been grown since before recorded history, and are believed to have originated in what is now the country of Iran. Can you find Iran on a map?

Today, grapes are grown throughout the world, including in Canada.

JOKE CORNER

Why aren't grapes ever lonely?
Because they come in bunches!

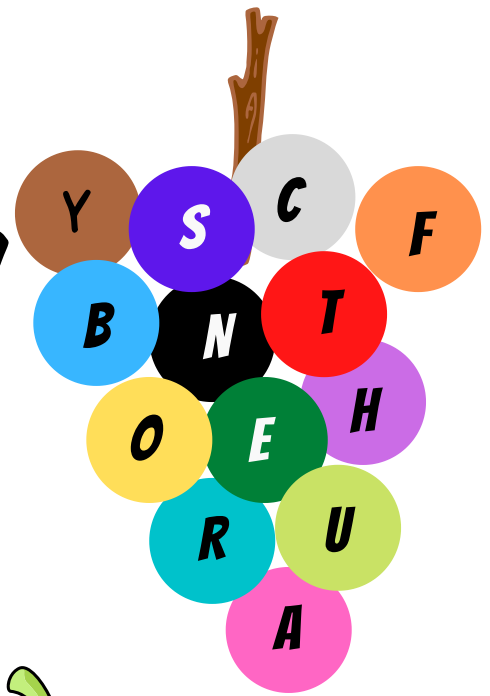
Why did the grape stop in the middle of the road? Because he ran out of juice!

How do grapes tell secrets?
Through the grapevine.

Be a Grape Detective

Put your detective skills to the test and use the code to reveal the answer to this riddle!

Why do grapes always get invited to parties?



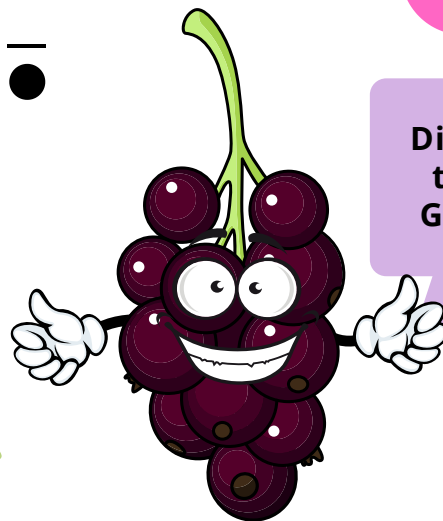
Did You Know?

Raisins are made from dried grapes. Grapes have lots of water in them. When you dry them out, they lose their water and shrink into raisins.

California produces most of the grapes we eat here in North America. They produce about 100 million boxes of grapes each year!

Researchers are working to find new tasty table grape varieties that will grow in Ontario. To be grown in Ontario, the grapes have to ripen quickly before the frost and winter comes.

Grapes and raisins are known to be really dangerous to dogs! So be careful when eating grapes not to leave any for your furry friend!



Did you solve the riddle? Grape work!

Frozen grapes make a great summer treat! Just wash them and freeze them on a cookie sheet for a cool refreshing snack!

