



Pineapple

How do pineapples grow?

Pineapple grows out of the stem of a plant that grows out of the ground. The plant has spiky leaves like swords that can grow up to 1.5 metres long around the pineapple.

The pineapple fruit is actually the result of many individual fruit-producing flowers that come together to make a single fruit as they grow. The top of the pineapple is called a “crown”. One pineapple plant can produce only one pineapple at a time and they can take over a year to be ready to harvest. That is a lot of work for one pineapple!

Pineapples do not grow from seeds. You can grow pineapple plants by slicing off the top of a pineapple and planting it in top soil.



Where did pineapple come from?

The pineapple plant is originally from South America. Pineapple plants like warm climates. Christopher Columbus, an explorer, came across the pineapple in 1493 and took it back to Europe. In Europe, pineapples were grown in greenhouses and were only available to the very rich. In the 1700's, Captain James Cook brought pineapple to Hawaii and it started to become more popular and available in North America

Joke Corner

- What do you call an apple crossed with a Christmas tree?
A pine-apple!
- Why did the pineapple stop in the middle of the road? Because it was out of juice!
- When is an apple not an apple?
When it's a pineapple!

