



The travels of a Banana from 'planting to being sold in UK'



Young banana plant



Baby banana plants transplanted into field.



Once the plant is fully grown, it flowers and then the bananas appear



It takes about a year for banana plants to grow, flower and produce bananas



Harvest - Bananas cut down from tree in a bag to protect it from pests



Pack house where bananas are checked for quality, measured and deflowered



They're carefully washed to make sure they are completely clean



The bananas are packed into boxes to make sure that they don't bruise or get damaged on journey to UK



The containers of bananas are loaded onto a ship which takes about 3 - 4 weeks to arrive in UK



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Arrival in the UK, the bananas go to a loading area to be transported by lorry to a ripening room



They're loaded on to a lorry to go to a special ripening room



At this stage they are still green but will be constantly checked for quality and ripening grading



Ripening and grading



Once the bananas are ripe, they are taken for a final quality check for bruising or defects



Final check for quality before going to the supermarkets



Finally the bananas are put on sale in the supermarket



And enjoyed by us, the consumer!