

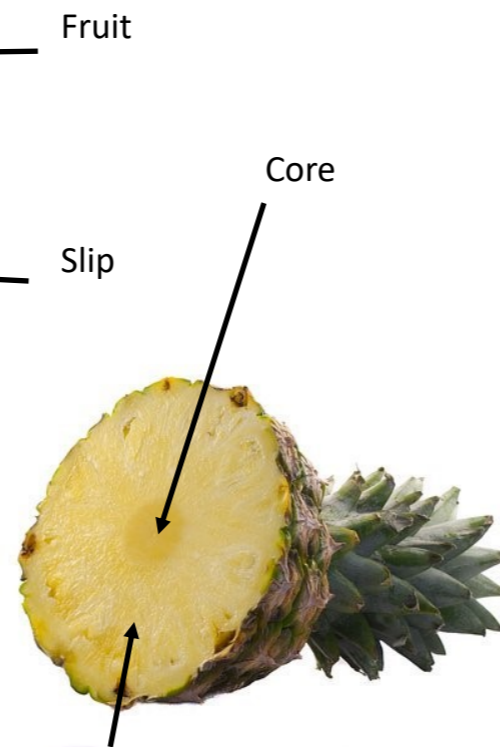


All about Pineapples

Pineapple is a Tropical fruit that has been enjoyed by people all over the world for thousands of years



Fibrous roots Basal stem



Yellow flesh

Parts of a Pineapple

Did you know that pineapples were named after pinecones?

The Spanish called pineapples the 'Pine of the Indies' because they were both hard and spiky. The skin is too rough to eat, so most people eat the flesh of a pineapple, or the inside, after removing the skin. At the grocery store, you can buy the pineapple with the skin on, or you can buy it already chopped up, as it can be difficult to properly cut through the tough skin. Most pineapples have a yellow flesh that is sweet in flavour. Pineapples have leaves coming out of the top. This is called a crown and is inedible. The unusual shape of pineapples make them popular choices for home décor



Pineapple juice is also a popular tropical drink and it is the main ingredient in the Piña colada cocktail.

Pineapple rings can be found in tins or dried



Pineapple is often found in fruit salads

Only one pineapple fruit grows on a plant



Pineapple facts

Most of the pineapples you buy in a supermarket are grown in a country called Costa Rica

Pineapple plants grow up to 1.5 metres tall



Pineapples do not grow on trees

Brazil grows more pineapples than any other country



Pineapple in tins was first sold in the year 1901

The pineapple plant makes lots of tiny flowers which join together to make the fruit

Before pineapples were discovered, the word pineapple meant pine cone



In many countries, pineapples can be bought at roadside stalls as a snack,

Pineapple flowers are red or purple in colour



Pineapples can be different colours, from green through golden yellow to brown

The pineapple plant has tough, waxy leaves



If you take the top from a pineapple, and plant it, another pineapple plant will grow

Pineapple fruits take two years to grow



Pineapples spread around the world because sailors would take them on voyages

Pineapple juice can be used to make meat softer before you cook it

Pineapple is a source of vitamin C which is needed for energy, bones, skin and teeth



Pineapples need a warm climate in which to grow, so are farmed in tropical countries all around the world

The pineapple plant is a large herb

The first pineapple to arrive in Europe was brought back on a voyage by Christopher Columbus

The Golden Supreme is a type of pineapple with very yellow flesh

