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Test Your Cookie I.Q.



Instead of indulging in a “movie marathon” at the theater this weekend, challenge the family to some cookie trivia while baking your favorite cookies together. Everyone loves cookies, but what do you really know about them? Where does the word “cookie” originate? What makes the perfect cookie? Find out who really deserves to be called “Smart Cookie,” while introducing your family to the fun - and art - of baking.

It’s time to turn off the TV, turn on the oven and let the games begin!

Rules:

- As a family, select your favorite cookie recipe from www.landolakes.com.
- Each person volunteers for a task – from getting out the ingredients and measuring them to mixing and shaping the cookies. (Dad, licking the bowl doesn’t count!)
- After everyone successfully completes their tasks and the cookies are baking (or cooling), designate a “Cookie Coach” to read aloud cookie trivia questions.
- Each family member takes turns answering questions. A correct answer is worth five points.
- If you don’t know the answer when it’s your turn, any family member may answer for the chance to win three points.
- Add up the points and uncover your Cookie IQ!

Cookie IQ:

1 st Place	Smart Cookie:	Congratulations! You’re the absolute king/queen of cookie trivia.
2 nd Place	Cookie Monster:	You gobble up trivia almost as well as you gobble up cookies.
3 rd Place	Rookie Cookie:	Nice work. Remember, practice makes perfect!

Trivia Questions:

1. How many cookies does an average American eat every year?
 - a. 200
 - b. 300
 - c. 750
 - d. 1,000
2. In which state was the chocolate chip cookie first created?
 - a. New York
 - b. Texas
 - c. Louisiana
 - d. Massachusetts
3. From what language does the word "cookie" originate?
 - a. French
 - b. Japanese
 - c. Greek
 - d. Dutch
4. Which TV character loves cookies more than any other food?
 - a. Cookie Monster
 - b. Cookie Grouch
 - c. Count Cookie
 - d. Mr. Cookie
5. What is a "snickerdoodle?"
 - a. A cookie covered with candy bars
 - b. A cookie that makes you snicker – or laugh – when you eat it
 - c. A type of sugar cookie rolled in cinnamon sugar
 - d. A sugar cookie with candy pieces sprinkled on top
6. How many cookies do Americans eat each year??
 - a. 40,000
 - b. 500,000
 - c. 1 million
 - d. Over 2 billion
7. Which ingredient makes cookies rise?
 - a. Baking powder
 - b. Flour
 - c. Milk
 - d. Chocolate chips
8. How large was the world's largest cookie?
 - a. 57 feet in diameter, 85,000 pounds
 - b. 102 feet in diameter, 40,000 pounds
 - c. 500 feet in diameter, 62,000 pounds
 - d. 620 feet in diameter; 103,000 pounds

9. What kind of cookie dough is often used to make houses in fairytales?
- Gingerbread
 - Peanut butter
 - Sugar
 - Chocolate chip
10. What year was the chocolate chip cookie first made?
- 1912
 - 1928
 - 1933
 - 1945
11. Which of the names below are names of real cookies?
- Jolly Boys
 - Tangle Breeches
 - Kinkawoodles
 - All are real cookie names
12. Which type of cookie is commonly flattened with a fork when it's first put on the cookie tray?
- Sugar cookies
 - Peanut butter cookies
 - Oatmeal raisin cookies
 - Ginger snaps
13. **Bonus Question:** In how many languages can you say the word "cookie?" Earn one point per correct answer!

Trivia Answers:

1. B - 300
2. D - Massachusetts
3. D - "Cookie" comes from the Dutch word "koekje," meaning "little cake"
4. A - Cookie Monster
5. C - A type of sugar cookie rolled in cinnamon sugar
6. D - Over 2 billion
7. A - Baking powder
8. B - 102 feet in diameter and 40,000 pounds (Some fun facts: The cookie contained 30,000 eggs, 6,525 pounds of butter, 5,000 pounds of sugar, 3,370 pounds of brown sugar and 6,000 pounds of chocolate. The giant cookie was created in Flat Rock, N.C., as a fundraiser for the area's Folk Artist's Foundation.)
9. A - Gingerbread
10. C - 1933
11. D - All are real cookie names (Some fun facts: Nineteenth century New England cooks often gave their dishes funny, whimsical names, apparently for no other reason than the fun of saying them.)
12. B - Peanut butter cookies
13. Example answers:
 - A. Dutch - Koekje
 - B. German - Keks
 - C. British English - Biscuit
 - D. Latin - Bis coctum
 - E. Italian - Biscotto
 - F. French - Biscuit or petit gâteau
 - G. Spanish - Galleta
 - H. Portuguese - Bolacha or bolinho
 - I. Russian - Pechenye
 - J. Norwegian - Småkaker