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Where did cookies originate?





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The word cookie comes from the Dutch word Koekje, which means little cake. The first cookie dates back to the 7th Century AD in Persia, which



is now Iran. Persia was one of the first countries to cultivate sugar. Cakes and pastries were well known in the Persian Empire. The Crusades and the developing spice trade spread Persian cooking techniques and ingredients throughout Northern Europe.







When did the tradition of leaving cookies for Santa begin?





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We leave cookies for Santa because



of the Great Depression. It wasn't standard practice to leave cookies and milk out for Santa Claus until the 1930s. Historians say that it was something parents encouraged children to do in order to teach them how to share and be charitable during a time of economic depression.







What practical purpose did cookies serve?





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Cookies, at the turn of the century, were originally made to



test oven temperature. According to culinary historians, cookies as we know them today were first made not to eat but to test the temperature of an oven. Cooks would take a small dollop of cake batter and bake it as a means of gauging whether the oven was ready or not.







How many cookies does Santa consume on Christmas Eve?





Santa Claus eats over 300 million cookies on Christmas Eve. Every Christmas Eve, Santa visits over 500 m

Santa visits over 500 million homes where he encounters about billion cookies. If you hypothesize that he takes about two bites of each cookie he is given, it means he eats a total of 336,150,386 cookies.









How many cookies, on average, does each person in the US consume in their lifetime?





The average American eats 35,000 cookies in a lifetime. 95.2% of U.S. households consume cookies each holiday season.







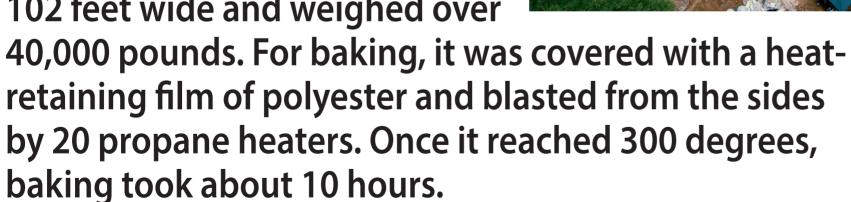
What was the size of the largest cookie, according to the Guiness Book of World Records?





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The biggest recorded cookie was baked on May 17, 2003 in Flat Rock, NC by the Immaculate Baking Company. It clocked in at 102 feet wide and weighed over











What is the World's Record for number of cookies baked in one hour?









The most cookies baked in one hour is 6,018 and was achieved by Frank Squeo and Baking Memories 4 Kids, in West Nyack, New York, on December 7, 2019.







Who holds the record for the tallest tower of stacked cookies?





According to the Guiness Book of World Records, the tallest tower of cookies measured 6 ft 1/8 inches and was constructed by the Girl **Scouts of Nassau County on January** 9, 2010 in Garden City, New York. Sixty Girl Scouts used 22,800 cookies to build the tower.









What year were Animal Crackers introduced?





Animal Crackers, introduced by Nabisco in 1902, were the first commercial cookie to

be massed-produced in the US. Their brightly colored boxes were promoted as Christmas tree ornaments (that's what the string was for!) 54 different animals have been represented in Animal Crackers.









What is the best selling cookie of all time?







The Oreo is the bestselling cookie of all time, developed and introduced by Nabisco in 1912.

year worldwide.



\$3.28 billion is spent on Oreos each







What year did the Girl Scouts first begin selling cookies?





The Girl
Scouts first
began selling
cookies in 191

cookies in 1917. Girl Scouts sell over 200 million boxes of cookies a year. Thin Mints are the Girl Scouts' most popular selling cookie, accounting for 25% of sales.









Who first introduced cookie cutters to the U.S.?





Dutch and German settlers first introduced cookie cutters



to America in the early 17th century. Early American tinsmiths first made cookie cutters by hand in the 1700s.







When did cookie jars first appear in the US?





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American cookie jars, descendents of British biscuit jars, were born out of need. They first appeared in the 1930s as Depression housewives slowly abandoned buying bakery-made foods, baking at home instead to save money.









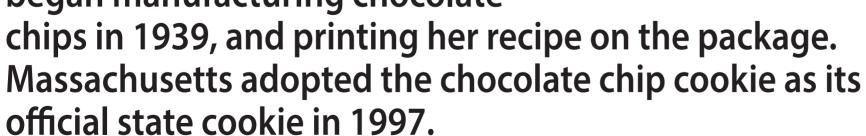


Where were Chocolate Chip Cookies invented?





Chocolate chip cookies were invented in 1930 by Ruth Graves Wakefield at the Toll House Restaurant in Whitman, MA. Mrs. Wakefield sold her chocolate chip cookie recipe to Nestle, who began manufacturing chocolate











Who invented Gingerbread Men?





Queen Elizabeth I invented gingerbread men. While she didn't actually bake the cookies herself, she requested that her royal bakers create gingerbread cookies shaped like visiting dignitaries in order to honor them.





