

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ORANGES ?

How do oranges grow?

Did you know oranges grow on trees?



Lots of orange trees together like in the picture below is called an orange grove or an orange orchard.



Orange trees are evergreen, this means their shiny green leaves stay on the tree all year round.

Orange tree flowers are white in colour, the flowers are called blossom.

Oranges are green before they ripen in the sun and turn orange.



Unripe green oranges.
Can you also see the shiny green leaves?



As an orange ripens
it turns from green
to yellow then orange



Orange blossom (flowers)
and ripe oranges

What are the parts of an orange called?

Some oranges have seeds in them. The seeds are called pips. All oranges have soft juicy flesh and a harder leathery skin. The hard leathery skin is called the orange peel. Did you know that all oranges have 11 or 12 segments?



These two pictures show the pips and segments inside an orange



Can you see the soft juicy flesh inside this orange



This is what the orange peel looks like.

Where do oranges grow?

Oranges were first grown in China and Japan, thousands of years ago.

Oranges are now grown all over the world especially in warm countries like Brazil, America, Mexico, Spain, Italy, China, Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and Greece.

What are oranges used for?

Orange peel can be used to make marmalade and candied peel, (candied peel is used in fruit cakes).

Most people just peel and eat the juicy, fleshy segments of an orange, do you?

If you squeeze the juicy part of an orange you will have made fresh orange juice.

Orange juice is the most popular of all the fruit juices and is used to flavour lots of foods such as chocolate, sweets, cakes and jelly.



Oranges being squeezed for their juice.



Fresh orange juice

Orange juice is good for you as it contains lots of vitamin C.