

When Life gives you Lemons: Supplemental Notes

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22. There are arguments that the lemon originated in **Malaysia, China, Persia, Asia Minor, or the Indus Valley**. The latter wins--archaeological evidence a **lemon-shaped earring from 2500 BC**.

The first written mention of **lemonade** came from Egypt, It is believed that peasants there used to drink a kind of **wine that used honey, dates and lemons**.

The word lemon is believed to have been derived from **Asian language words for "sour" or "sour fruit."**

23. Cesare Borgia Italian **Condottiero**, nobleman, politician, and cardinal sent presents of lemons and oranges to his **wife while she was at court in France, partly to impress Louis 12th with his wealth**.

The ladies of Louis 16 court used **lemons to redden their lips**.

24. Meyer lemon, cross between lemon - **mandarin orange**, is from **China brought US in 1908 by Frank Meyer**, United States Department of Agriculture.

The season for Meyer lemons is very short: winter spring.

25 High in vitamin C, lemons prevent scurvy, a disease that causes bleeding gums, loose teeth and aching joints. To this day, the **British Navy requires ships to carry enough lemons so that every sailor can have 1 ounce of juice a day**.

The demand for lemons and their scurvy-preventing properties peak during **California Gold Rush of 1849**. **Miners payed huge sums for a single lemon**. As a result, lemon trees were planted in abundance throughout California.

Some do not agree with **Egypt being origin of lemonade**; they say that this drink is a **16th century French invention**.

26. One of the earliest documented lemonade stands was operated **by Edward Bok from 1873 to 1876**. He was ten years old when he began selling **ice water for a penny** to passengers in horse drawn carts who stopped to allow their horses water. **Other boys soon began copying Bok's idea** and stealing his business, so he made **lemonade and sold it for three cents a glass instead**.

27. There is **more lemon in Lemon Pledge** than there in **Country Time Lemonade**

28. Why do lemons come with fish?

Taste enhancement but that is not the origin of the lemon **besides the fish**.

Some people swallowed bones of the fish by accident and it was a myth that **lemon juice would help you remove the bone**.

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Sucking on a lemon causes the throat **muscles to contort**, therefor helping to **dislodge any stuck bone**.

29. In February **French Riviera town Menton** celebrated the 75th annual Lemon Festival. Events included parades of lemon floats

30. Another possibility is that the term originated from **British pool hall slang**, where a 'lemon game' was a game **played by a hustler**.

It **seems most likely** 'lemon' as a bad car came from another **British slang early 1900's** in which "to hand someone a lemon" was "**to pass off a sub-standard article as a good one**."

31. California and Arizona produce 95% of the entire U.S. lemon crop. 754,000 tons orange production, 2.1 million tons.

Lemon trees bloom and produce **fruit year-round**. Each tree can produce between **500 and 600 pounds** of lemons in a year. **3,000 lemons**

Lemons are hand-picked (they can't be machine-harvested, or picked wet). They're then sorted according to color, washed, coated with a fungicide to prevent stem-end rot, coated with a thin layer of wax for preservation and attractiveness and cured (stored) until ready for shipping.

200 or so cultivar. The Lisbon lemon (above) and the Eureka lemon are the two most prevalent in the U.S.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's heaviest lemon **weighed 11 pounds, 9.7 ounces**, and was harvested on **January 8, 2003** by Israeli farmer Aharon Shemoel.

32. Planning

33. The average lemon has about **eight seeds**.