

**Who Invented Lollipops?**

Many inventions have an unknown creator. Such is the case with lollipops. These sweet treats on a stick have no clear-cut inventor. Oh, there are people who claim to be the first to put hard candy on a stick. But the true origin remains surrounded by controversy.

2     Somewhere the first lollipop was created. George Smith claimed that he was the first. In 1908, he had an idea to put hard candy on the end of a stick. He liked the idea so much that he named his invention after a racing horse named Lolly Pop. However, the term lollipop was documented in England in 1769. Was George Smith really the first? Or, had lollipops been around since before he was born? We don't know for sure because there are no definite records.

3     Automating the production of lollipops is also surrounded by controversy. California and Wisconsin both take credit for having the first machines. The Racine Confectioners Machinery Co. of Wisconsin claims they created a machine in 1908. Their machine could make 40 lollipops each minute. A man named Samuel Born also claims to have mechanized the process in California in 1916. He invented the Born Sucker Machine. It was able to add a stick to hard candy automatically. Did one of these companies actually invent lollipops? We will probably never know for sure.

4     No matter who created them, lollipops are a favorite treat for young and old. They are made by boiling corn syrup and sugar. Then the colors and flavors are added. After the mixture is thick, it is rolled and cut into the shapes we love. Some are round balls, while others are flat like quarters. After being cooled, they are wrapped to keep them fresh. Then they are packaged and shipped to your favorite store. Sometimes, the sugar is rolled into long ropes and wrapped in a circular fashion. These lollipops are usually giant in size and very colorful. It can take a long time to enjoy these treats. Other lollipops come with a surprise center like chocolate or bubble gum. Can you be patient and not bite the lollipop to get to that center delight?

5     Why are lollipops such a favorite? For centuries, humans have enjoyed sweet delicacies. Honey was one of the first sweet discoveries.

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Once we tasted the sweet, golden nectar from the bees, we were hooked. Ancient Egyptians added fruits and nuts to honey. In the early 1500s, sugar cane began to be cultivated. During the Middle Ages, sweet confections were available to the wealthy. Hard candies were around in the form of lozenges during the early seventeenth century. As automation came along, more and more types of confectionary delights became available.

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1. We don't know who invented lollipops because...
  The records were lost in a fire.
  There are no definite records.
  Machines to make them weren't invented.
2. Which two states claim to have had the first machine to make lollipops?
  Wisconsin and Wyoming
  California and Wisconsin
  Maine and New York
3. Whose machine could make 40 lollipops a minute when it was invented?
  George Smith's
  The Ancient Egyptians
  Racine Confectioners Machinery Co.
4. Lollipops are made by boiling corn syrup and \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  Honey
  Sugar
  Maple syrup
5. Sugar cane was the one of the first sweet discoveries made by the Ancient Egyptians.
  False
  True
6. Jolly Rancher created the largest lollipop ever made in 2002.
  False
  True
7. Today machines can make 5,900 lollipops per minute. At that rate, how many lollipops can be made in an 8-hour shift?

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**Circle the word that best completes each sentence.**

1. **(Her, Hers, She)** was chosen to design a display ad for the store opening.
2. My pancakes were flatter than **(her, hers, she)**.
3. Mel bought a present for Kim, and he gave it to **(her, hers, she)** at the restaurant.
4. That necklace was not **(her, hers, she)** to give away.
5. Jane told **(her, hers, she)** friend, "My sister wanted us to come over."

**Write two words that rhyme with the given word.**

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**Describe your favorite lollipop. How does it taste? Why do you like it? How do you eat it? When do you like to have one?**


































Answers:

**1**    There are no definite records.
**2**    California and Wisconsin
**3**    Racine Confectioners Machinery Co.
**4**    Sugar
**5**    False
**6**    True
**7**    Popsicles
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| **tide** | **Possible Answers: bride, cried, died, dried, dyed, fried, glide, guide, hide, pride** |

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