

# Cookies

Well, who doesn't love cookies? We will never say no to a warm chocolate chip cookie or a yummy cookie with jam. Here are a few facts to know about cookies:

The word "cookie" comes from the Dutch word "koekje". It means "little cake".

In China, you can't find the fortune cookies you get in Chinese restaurants in other countries. Fortune cookies were actually invented in America.

Oreo is the most popular cookie in America.

National Cookie Day is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The most expensive cookies in the world are macarons made by Pierre Hermé. Do you have 7,000 dollars to spend on a special box of macaroons? Because that is what it costs.

Americans eat over 2 billion cookies a year – about 300 cookies for each person.

The American states of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have a national state cookie. In both states it is the chocolate chip cookie.

Remember the Cookie Monster from Sesame Street? You might be surprised to know that the cookies that he enjoys are actually painted rice cakes.

## Vocabulary

warm – חמימה

Dutch – השפה המדוברת בהולנד

fortune cookies – עוגיות מזל

expensive – יקר

to spend – לבזבז

costs – עולה

both – שתי

painted – צבוע

## Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions in complete sentences according to the text.

- 1) What is the origin of the word "cookie"?
- 2) Where can you get fortune cookies?
- 3) What happens on December 4<sup>th</sup>?
- 4) Who is Pierre Hermé?
- 5) What do Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have in common, according to the text?
- 6) Does Cookie Monster eat real cookies?