

# WHAT IS A PINEAPPLE?

## BEAVERS AND CUBS

1. Place a fresh pineapple in an opaque bag or a container so no one can see inside.
2. Let each young person take it in turns to put their hand in the bag and describe what they can feel.  
**For example:** spiky, heavy, large, rough, bumpy, knobby, waxy leaves.  
**Ask:** Can anyone guess what the object is?
3. Look at the pineapple together. Explore the texture, appearance, weight, size, colour and shape.
4. Discuss what they already know about pineapples  
**Ask:** Have you seen or eaten pineapple before?
5. What is a pineapple? Where do they grow?



Pineapples do not grow on trees. They are the fruit from a plant in the family called bromeliads.

6. Discuss the different ways in which pineapple is available  
**For example:** dried, fresh, tinned chunks, rings, fruit cocktail, and as bottled juice.

## TAKE IT FURTHER: CUBS

### Tropical fruits

Pineapple is a tropical fruit, which means that it grows in a very hot climate. The tropics are the areas either side of the equator where it is generally hot all the time, so there are not four seasons as we have in the UK. Instead there tend to be rainy and less rainy seasons.

1. Use the Pineapples World Map at [www.eathappyproject.com/resources/downloads-and-resources/pineapples-world-map-poster](http://www.eathappyproject.com/resources/downloads-and-resources/pineapples-world-map-poster) to help pinpoint the tropics.

**Ask:** Can you locate some of the countries where pineapples are grown?

Commercial crops of pineapples are grown in Costa Rica, Thailand, the Philippines, Brazil and Mexico. Pineapples also grow in such places as Australia and the US state of Hawaii.

2. **Ask:** Can you think of any other tropical fruits?



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