



Read the food passage. Classify each statement as FACT or OPINION and explain your answer.

Food facts: history, ingredients, production numbers. Food opinions: taste, rankings, what foods are "best" or "most popular."

Gelato: Italy's Sweet Treat!



Gelato, the famous Italian frozen dessert, is truly a wonderful treat!

💡 Many people believe it is even better than regular ice cream.

Gelato means 'frozen' in Italian, and it has a long, sweet history. It first appeared in Italy hundreds of years ago, delighting kings and queens.

The story of gelato often begins in Florence, Italy, during the Renaissance. Bernardo Buontalenti, a famous architect and artist, is often credited with inventing the first modern gelato recipe in the 16th century. He made a special frozen dessert for Catherine de' Medici, who later took it to France. This creamy dessert quickly became a favorite across Italy.

Today, Italy produces millions of gallons of gelato every year. There are over 30,000 gelaterias (gelato shops) in Italy alone! Experts say that a good scoop of gelato has less fat and less air than most ice creams, making its flavors much more intense. This is why many chefs argue that gelato is the most flavorful frozen dessert in the world.

A survey by "Sweet Treat Magazine" in 2023 found that 85% of Italians eat gelato at least once a week. Food critic Marco Rossi states, "Every visitor to Italy simply must try authentic gelato!" He believes it is a key part of Italian culture and an experience everyone should have. It's clear that gelato holds a very special place in the hearts of many people.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) "Gelato, the famous Italian frozen dessert, is truly a wonderful treat!" 🍦

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(2) "Bernardo Buontalenti, a famous architect and artist, is often credited with inventing the first modern gelato recipe in the 16th century." 🎨

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(3) "There are over 30,000 gelaterias (gelato shops) in Italy alone!" π

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(4) "Every visitor to Italy simply must try authentic gelato!" ✈️

- (A) Fact (B) Opinion

(5) The passage says, "Many people believe it is even better than regular ice cream."
Explain in one sentence why this is an opinion, not a fact. 📍

