



**Read the text and mark the statements**

**True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).**

### The Lovely Banana

Bananas are popular all over the world. What a wonderful fruit the banana is! Its three colours tell you how ripe (спелый) it is. Green means go, as in "go and find another banana". Yellow means "eat me". Brown means "eat me but don't bother chewing before you swallow (глотать)". The only thing that could make a banana more user-friendly is if you could eat the peel. Plus, a banana is neat to eat. When you bite into it, you don't have to worry about juice all over yourself and your neighbours (like oranges or grapefruit, for example). And it's a silent food - you can chew it as long as you like without driving your neighbours crazy with crunching sounds (like apples or carrots, for example).

Finally, it's easy to cut - you don't need a knife. You can slice it with a fork or a spoon, if you like. You're never too young or too old to eat bananas. Babies eat mashed bananas before their teeth grow in. Great-great-grandparents eat mashed bananas after their teeth fall out.

The banana is various. You can fry it, bake it, mash it, or eat it raw. You can slice it and put it on your breakfast cereal. At lunchtime you can have a raw banana as a snack, or make a peanut butter and banana sandwich, or eat a bag of dried bananas. You can add a banana to your ice cream for dessert and call it a banana split. On weekends you can order a banana milkshake at your local restaurant.

Bananas give us lots of vitamins A and C. The price of bananas is low. So millions of people enjoy this fantastic fruit.

1. Bananas grow on all the continents.
2. There are different sorts of bananas of three colours.
3. There are sorts of bananas different in size.
4. By the colour of a banana you can see how ripe the fruit is.
5. Brown bananas are the ripest.
6. You can eat a banana peel if the fruit is ripe.
7. Oranges and grapefruits are more juicy than bananas.
8. When you eat bananas you make a lot of noise.
9. Bananas are very soft to cut and to eat.
10. A banana boiled in milk is very tasty.
11. Bananas belong to healthy food.
12. Bananas are cheap.

