

Read the article. Choose from the sentences the ones which fit in the gaps. There are four extra sentences.

Smelly foods!

We all have our favourite foods, and we also have foods that we don't like at all! _____ Children, for example, often don't like eating vegetables. But that's probably because they would rather eat something tastier like pizza!

When it comes to what we eat, smell is very important. _____ However, did you know that there are very smelly foods that some people love to eat?

One of these is the durian, which is the smelliest fruit in the world. It has such a strong smell that it's not allowed on public transport in Singapore. _____ Even taxis have signs to let passengers know they cannot travel with the fruit.

People find it difficult to describe the taste and the smell of durian. There is no food in the world that you can compare it to. Many who have smelled it describe it as 'old socks' or 'rubbish'.

_____ It's very creamy and if you can forget about the smell, is quite pleasant to eat.

Cheese is another food that can be quite smelly. Napoleon Bonaparte's favourite cheese, Époisses, is famous for its strong smell. _____ Another French cheese, Vieux-Boulogne, was found to be the smelliest in the world. It was chosen by a group of human testers and an 'electronic nose' at a UK university. The machine analysed the different chemical smells from the cheese and rated it as the worst smelling.

Finally, let's talk about surströmming, a fish dish from northern Sweden that smells like rotten eggs, vinegar and bad butter. The fish is kept in barrels for a few months, then put into tins before being sold. _____ For this reason, some airlines do not allow passengers to carry the tins because they could explode. It's best to open the tin in water, wash the fish well and eat it outdoors. Otherwise, your house won't smell very pleasant.

If you want to experience some truly unusual flavours, try these unique foods!

■ However, most people agree that it tastes better than it smells.

■ Perhaps you don't like the taste or the smell of a certain food.

■ An unpleasant smell tells us that something is bad and shouldn't be eaten.

■ Most people buy it at food markets around the country.

■ Sweet foods such as ice cream and chocolate are the most popular.

■ They weren't sure how to describe the taste.

■ Of course, the older cheeses have stronger smells than the younger ones.

■ And, in France, it is not allowed on public transport – just like durian in Singapore.

■ If it was, passengers on trains and buses would complain.

■ Lots of gases develop in the tins and this can be dangerous.