

Stinky Tofu

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Stinky tofu is a **famous** food in Taiwan. It is called stinky because it has a strong **smell**. Some people say it smells bad. But many people love to eat it!



Stinky tofu is made from regular tofu. The tofu sits in a special **liquid** for many days. This makes it **fermented**. The longer it sits, the stronger the smell becomes.

You can find stinky tofu at night markets. **Vendors** cook it in different ways. Some fry it until it is crispy. Others put it in soup. It can also be **grilled** on a stick.

Stinky tofu is served with **toppings**. People add pickled vegetables on top. They also add hot sauce. The crispy outside and soft inside taste great together.

Many **tourists** are scared to try stinky tofu at first. The smell is very strong! But after one bite, many people like it. It is part of the **adventure** of visiting Taiwan!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. famous _____ | a. people visiting from other places |
| 2. smell _____ | b. an exciting experience |
| 3. liquid _____ | c. things put on top of food |
| 4. fermented _____ | d. hard and crunchy |
| 5. vendors _____ | e. what you notice with your nose |
| 6. grilled _____ | f. something wet like water |
| 7. toppings _____ | g. cooked over fire |
| 8. tourists _____ | h. changed by sitting in liquid |
| 9. adventure _____ | i. known by many people |
| 10. crispy _____ | j. people who sell things |

B. True or False

1. Stinky tofu smells nice like flowers. _____
2. Stinky tofu is made from regular tofu. _____
3. The tofu sits in liquid for many days. _____
4. You can only find it in restaurants. _____
5. Some stinky tofu is fried until crispy. _____
6. No one likes stinky tofu. _____
7. Pickled vegetables go on top. _____
8. Tourists are often scared to try it. _____
9. Stinky tofu can be in soup. _____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: famous, smell, liquid, fermented, vendors, toppings, tourists

1. Stinky tofu is a _____ food in Taiwan.
2. It has a very strong _____.
3. The tofu sits in a special _____ for days.
4. _____ at night markets cook it different ways.
5. Many _____ are scared to try it at first.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why is it called stinky tofu?
2. How is stinky tofu made?
3. Where can you find stinky tofu?
4. What are some ways to cook it?
5. What toppings go on stinky tofu?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you try stinky tofu? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever tried a food with a strong smell?
3. What food is famous in your country?

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-i, 2-e, 3-f, 4-h, 5-j, 6-g, 7-c, 8-a, 9-b, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-famous, 2-smell, 3-liquid, 4-Vendors, 5-tourists

D. Comprehension: 1. Because it has a strong smell; 2. Tofu sits in liquid for many days; 3. At night markets; 4. Fried, in soup, or grilled; 5. Pickled vegetables and hot sauce