

Lesson #81

What's a Jelly Belly?

Part 1

Every spring, candy shelves overflow with jelly beans. Pink jelly beans often taste like strawberries. Green ones may taste like lime. A Jelly Belly, however is something else. It is a year-round treat. Jelly Belly candies have unusual flavors. A pink Jelly Belly may taste like bubble gum. It may have the flavor of cotton candy or pink lemonade. Green ones may taste like kiwi or sour watermelon. Some Jelly Belly candies have spots. Others are splashed with color. The birthday cake bean has spots. The toasted marshmallow bean is speckled with brown spots.

Gustav Goelitz started a candy business almost 150 years ago. His sons and grandsons kept the business going. It is still a family business today. Around 50 years ago, the company began to make surprising jelly bean flavors. They called the tiny bean-shaped candies Jelly Belly. The candies are famous all over the world. Some of the first flavors were root beer, green apple, cream soda, and tangerine.

The Jelly Belly became very popular. One fan was California governor Ronald Reagan. He ate lots of Jelly Belly jelly beans. His favorite flavor was licorice. Ronald Reagan became president of the United States. The Goelitz Candy Company wanted to cheer on the new president. So the company sent tons of Jelly Belly jelly beans to the White House! The candies were red, white, and blue. Can you guess the flavors? Look at the bottom of the page to see if you are right!

Red was cherry flavored, white was coconut, and blue was blueberry.

- RI.2.2 1. What is this passage mostly about?
- A) how Jelly Belly got started and has changed over time
 B) how President Reagan liked the Jelly Belly licorice flavor
 C) why Jelly Belly is a family business
- RI.2.1 2. How is Jelly Belly different from other jelly beans?
- A) Jelly Belly jelly beans come in many different colors.
 B) The flavors of Jelly Belly are very unusual.
 C) The company that makes Jelly Belly was started by a man.
- L.2.4.D 3. Use the words in the box to make compound words. Use the compound words to fill in the blanks.

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Every spring, candy shelves _____ with jelly beans.

The _____ cake bean has spots.

- RI.2.1 4. List the colors of the Jelly Belly beans that the Goelitz Candy Company sent to the White House.
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- RI.2.6 5. Why does the author tell us that Jelly Belly is a year-round treat?
- A) to show how Jelly Belly is different from other jelly beans
 B) to explain why the company makes so many flavors
 C) to get people to buy more candies
- L.2.4 6. Read the sentences. Match each underlined word with its clue.
- A) out of the ordinary B) dotted C) well-known D) company
- ___ The toasted marshmallow bean is speckled with brown spots.
 ___ The candies are famous all over the world.
 ___ Gustav Goelitz started a candy business almost 150 years ago.
 ___ Jelly Belly candies have unusual flavors.

Lesson #82

What's a Jelly Belly? Part 2

The Jelly Belly Candy Company makes new flavors all the time. One is buttered popcorn. This was the first Jelly Belly that was not sweet. It is a popular flavor. There is even a chocolate-dipped Jelly Belly. Other flavors are unusual and may not be very tasty. Bertie Bott is a character



in the Harry Potter book series. In the books, Bertie makes yucky jelly beans. Now, Jelly Belly makes these flavors. They include spinach, dirt, pepper, and soap.

The Jelly Belly website has pictures made with jelly beans. One is a picture of Martin Luther King Jr. Another is a picture of the Statue of Liberty. There are jelly bean recipes and fun facts on the website.

Visitors can take tours of the Jelly Belly factories. Small groups can go to the Jelly Belly University. They learn the behind-the-scenes scoop about making Jelly Belly candies. A visitor can buy a gift pack of beans. Some packs have a spinner. The spinner points to a color. The fun is in finding out the flavor the spinner lands on. A yellow Jelly Belly may taste like lemon. Or, it may taste like a rotten egg!

RI.2.1 1. How is the buttered popcorn Jelly Belly different from others?
A) It is not sweet. B) It is not popular. C) It has no color.

RI.2.1 2. Who is Bertie Bott?
A) a teacher at Jelly Belly University
B) Gustav Goelitz's sister
C) a character in the Harry Potter books

RI.2.1 3. How are the flavors of Bertie Bott's beans different from other candies?

L.2.4 4. Match each word with its clue.

A) university	_____ instructions for cooking
B) recipe	_____ a sightseeing journey
C) visitor	_____ a school
D) tour	_____ a guest

CCRA.R.1 5. Based on the passage, which of these would be Bertie Bott's flavors?

_____ rotten egg	_____ soap	_____ lemon	_____ banana
_____ chocolate	_____ earwax	_____ grass	_____ cherry

RI.2.1 6. What do visitors learn at Jelly Belly University?
A) They learn how to read.
B) They learn to do art with jelly beans.
C) They learn about making Jelly Belly jelly beans.

RI.2.1 7. There is a picture of Martin Luther King Jr. on the Jelly Belly website. What is the picture made of?
