

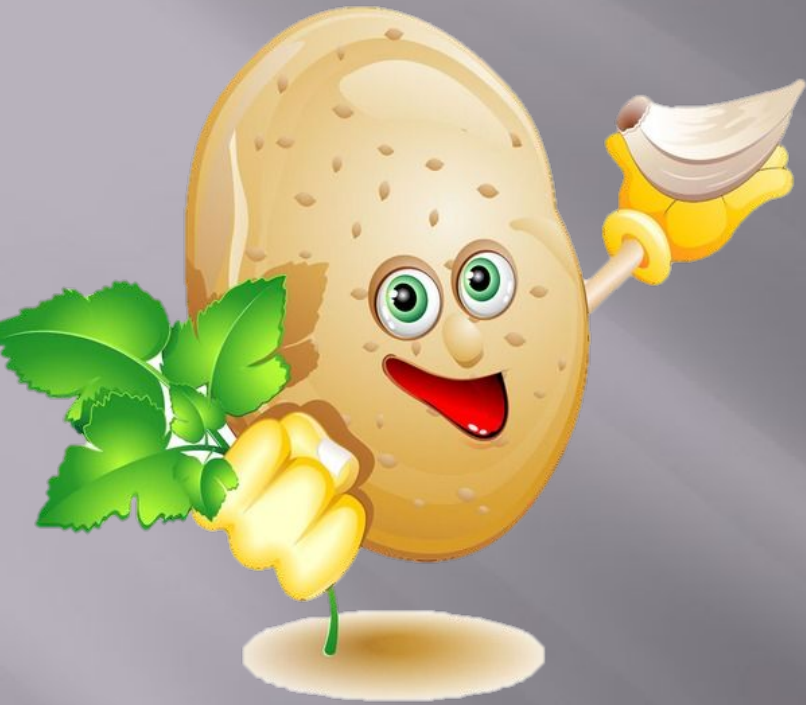
# Potato planet

Интерактивный рассказ  
с мини-викториной  
для учащихся  
**6-9** классов

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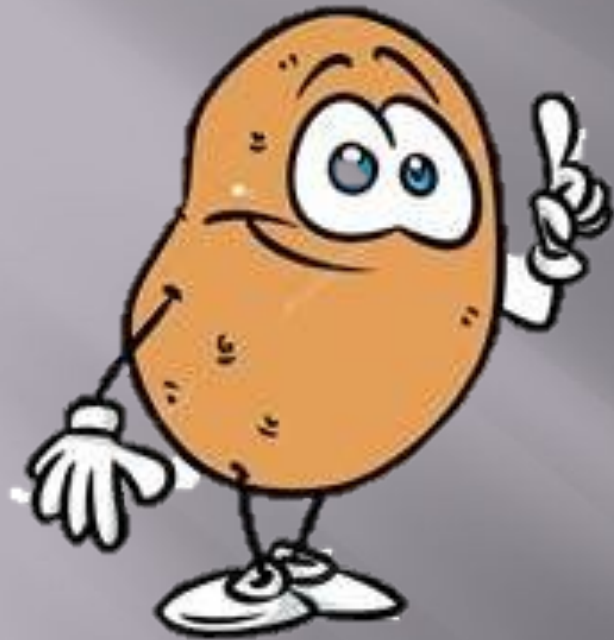
# **Where and when did our ancestors start growing potatoes?**

**Scientists think the first potatoes were cultivated about 8 000 years ago by communities of hunters and gatherers near Lake Titicaca - high in the Andes mountains, on the border between Peru and Bolivia.**

**When was the potato introduced to the rest of the world?**



**In 1532 the Spaniards invaded Peru in search of gold. But the real treasure they took back to Europe was the potato.**



# **Where are potatoes grown today?**

**All around the world!**

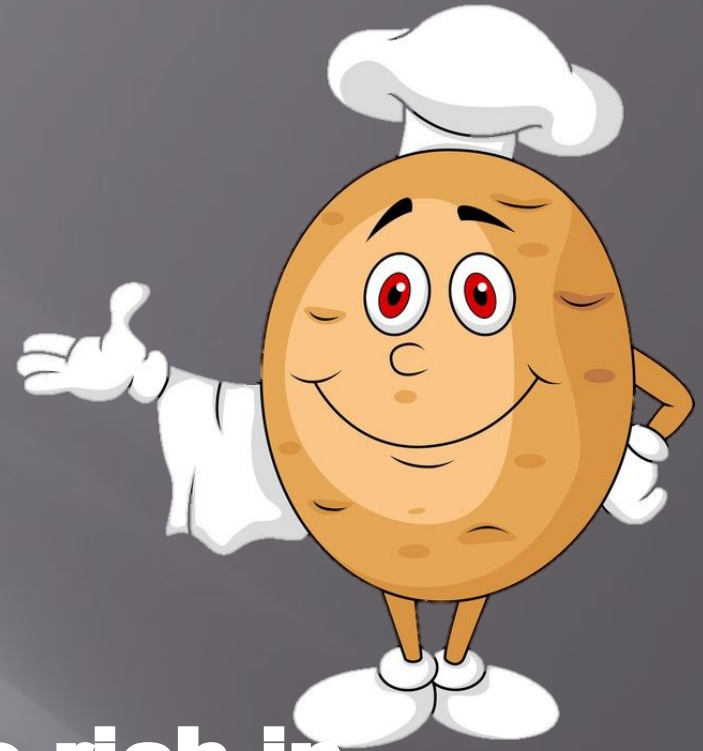
**Potato farming has spread from the Andes to more than 100 countries. You will find potatoes being grown on China's Yunnan plateau, the subtropical lowlands of India, the steppes of Ukraine, in the highlands of Rwanda, and as far north as Finland.**

**Are potatoes  
an important  
food crop?**



**Yes! Potato is the world's No. 4  
food crop, after maize, wheat  
and rice.**

# Why are potatoes such a popular food?



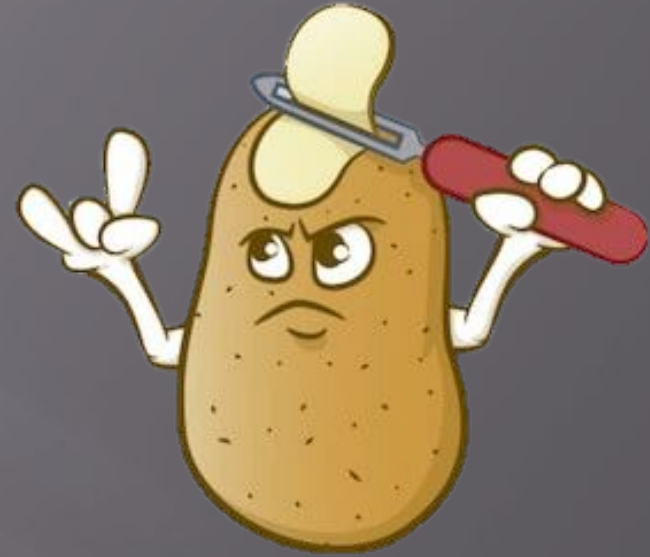
**Because potatoes are rich in carbohydrates, which makes them a good source of energy. They are have high content of vitamin C and potassium, and protein that is well matched to human needs.**



# Is it easy or difficult to grow potatoes?

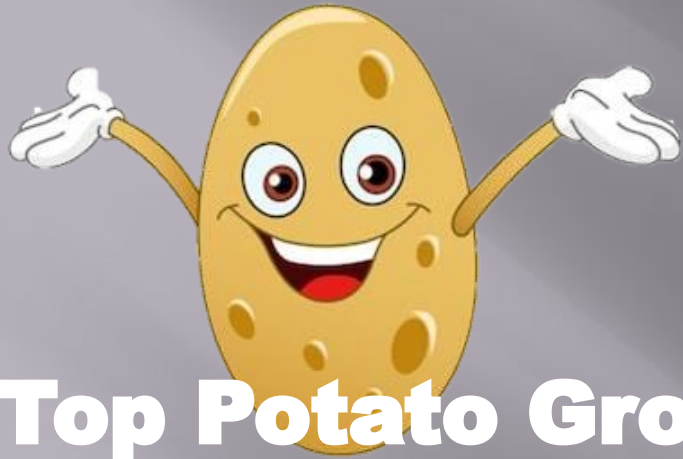
**Potatoes are easy to grow even in harsh environments. They also produce a lot of food very quickly from a small area of land. Because they grow under the ground, potatoes are also less prone to damage than other crops.**

# How much potato do people eat each year?



**That depends on the region. In Europe, people eat 88 kg of potatoes, per person, in a year. In the developing regions, such as Africa, Asia and Latin America, people eat a lot less - but their potato intake is increasing all the time.**





# Where Are The Most Potatoes Grown?

## Top Potato Growing Countries (per year):

- 1 China, 88.99 million metric tons of potatoes**
- 2 India, 45.34 million metric tons of potatoes**
- 3 Russian Federation, 30.20 million metric tons of potatoes**
- 4 The United States, 19.84 million metric tons**

# How do farmers grow their potatoes?

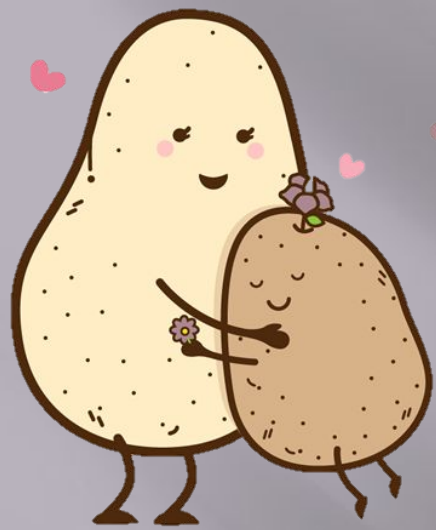
Usually, farmers plant a small potato (known as "seed potato") where one to two sprouts (or "eyes") have formed. The new potatoes are ready to harvest when the leaves of the plant start to turn yellow and die.



# How long does it take to grow a potato crop?



**It depends on the local climate. In the tropics farmers can harvest potatoes within 90 days of planting. In colder places, such as Argentina, Canada and northern Europe, it takes up to 150 days.**



# Is it true that the potato can be poisonous?.

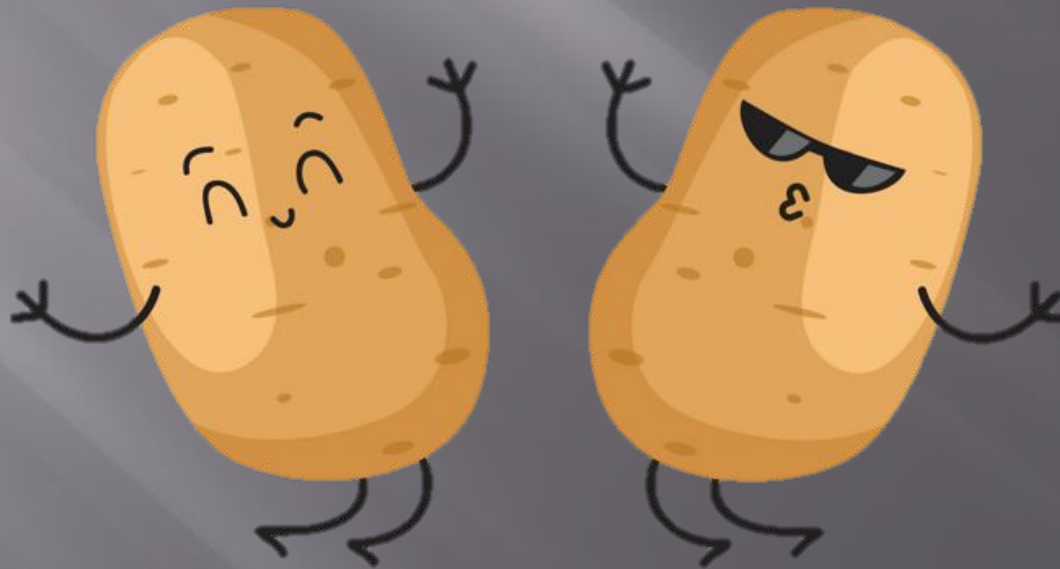
**Green parts of the skin and the leaves of the plant contain a toxic compound. (But poisoning from potatoes is very rare.)**

**Cutting away green areas and peeling potatoes before cooking ensures healthy eating.**

# NOW, MINI-QUIZ!!!

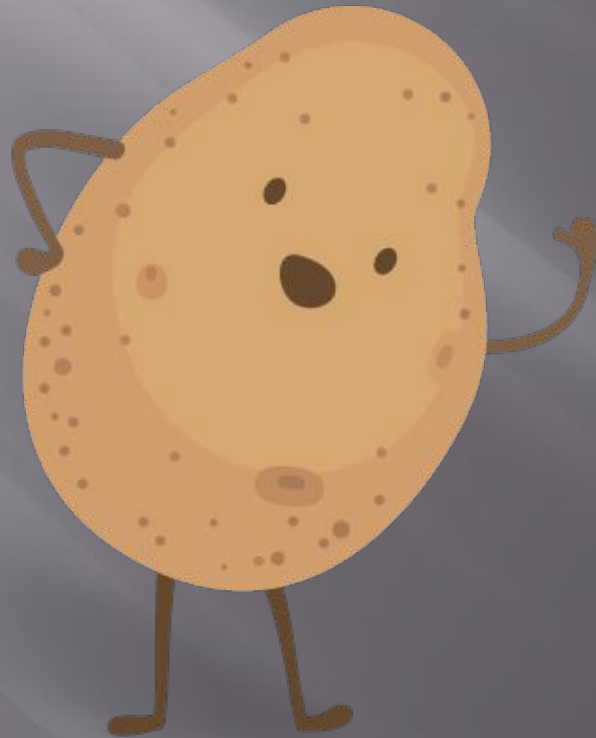
Potatoes are a rich source

of Carbohydrates



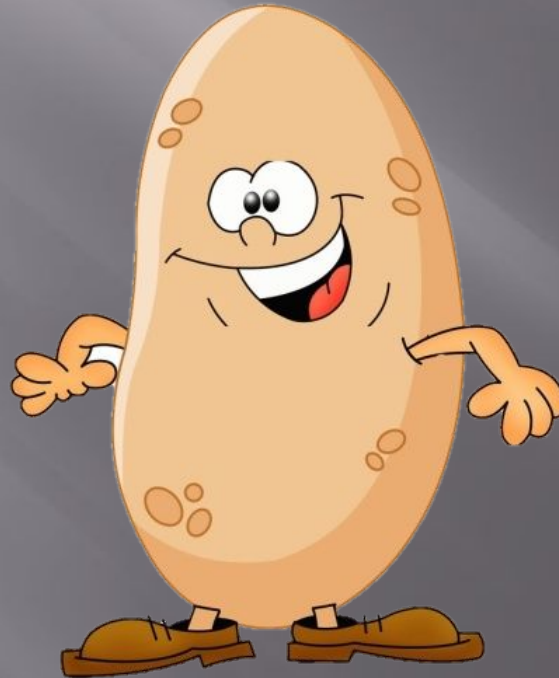
**The first potatoes were grown  
near a lake in which country?**

**Peru !**



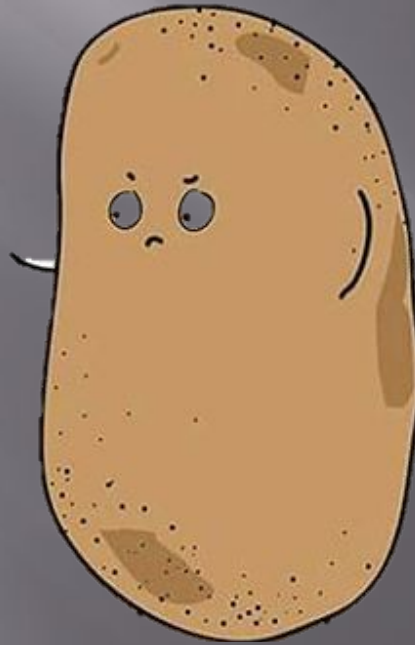
**Which country grows the most  
potatoes?**

**China !**



**In the tropics, how many days  
does it take to grow a potato?**

**90 days !**





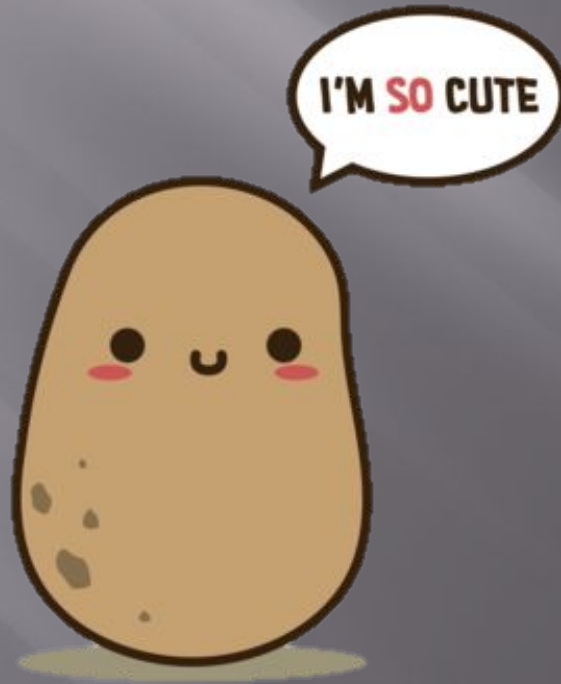
**How much potato do people  
in Europe eat each year per  
person ?**

**88 kg !**



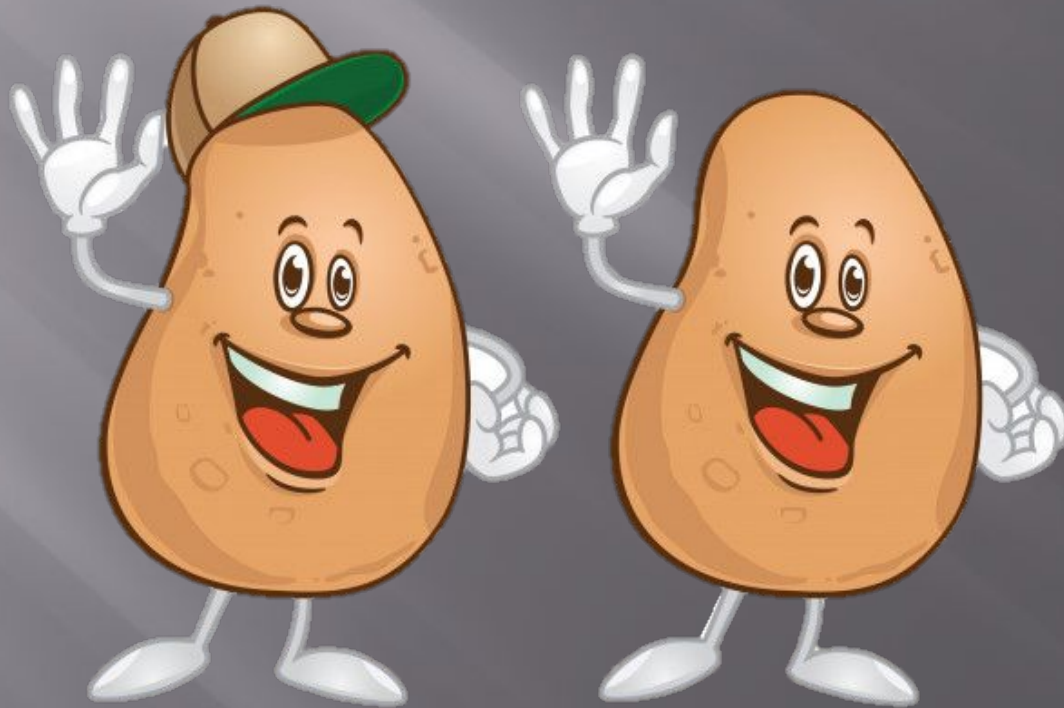
**Is potato the world's No. 1  
food crop?**

**No. 4 !**



**Where are potatoes grown today?**

**All around the World !**





**Let Potatoes  
Inspire You!**

**To be continued...**

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