

**Two Whats?! & A Wow! - Fruit Truths**  
**By Kenny Curtis**

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

(SOUNDBITE OF THEME MUSIC, "TWO WHATS?! AND A WOW!")

**Announcer.** It's Two Whats?! And a Wow! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)  
With your hosts, Mindy and Guy Raz! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

**Voices.** (singing) Two whats! Two what's? Two whats! Two whats? Two what's! Two what's? Two what's! And a wow!

(THEME MUSIC ENDS)

**Mindy.** Helloooooo and welcome back to Two Whats?! And A Wow!

**Voices.** (singing theme) Two whats and a wow!

**Guy Raz.** The scientific game show that separates the wows from the whaaaaats?!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHUCKLING)

**Guy Raz.** And the category or theme for today is...

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

**Guy Raz.** Fruit! Mindy, what don't you bring our contestants up to speed on how the game works?

**Mindy.** You know it, Guy Raz! Wowzers, in each of our three rounds today, Guy Raz and I will present you with three scientific statements about gratuity food (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE OOH/AHH), but, and this is a BIG BUT (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)...only one of those statements is a true wow! The other two, just a couple of made up "whaaats"!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)

**Guy Raz.** Now in each round, if you guess correctly, congratulations! You win a point!

**Mindy.** But, if you guess incorrectly, you must stop, drop, and do a ridiculous physical challenge.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE REACT WOOHOO! / SHH!)

**Guy Raz.** Okay, everyone ready to get this show going?

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEER)

**Mindy.** Great, then let's get to it!

Guy Raz. okay, round one.... Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it a) apples are part of the rose family (wow)

Mindy. or is it b) apple trees do not have leaves

Guy Raz. or is it c) apples are actually vegetables

Mindy. when you think you know the answer, take a bit of an imaginary apple... psst! Reggie!

Reggie. Cool!

Mindy. do the thinking music thing!

Reggie. Cool!

<<tape player button>>

<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. annd time is up! It's time to reveal the winning wow!

Mindy. and to do just that, it's simon (sy-min) from new york! Simon, give us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner, apple pie and rose petals for dinner!

Guy Raz. thank you, simon! Contestants, if you guessed the answer a) apples are part of the rose family, then you got the winning wow! Great job, wowzers!

Mindy. the rose family is called rosaceae (roe-zay-see-ee), and it also includes peaches, pears and raspberries!

Guy Raz. and even though they might not taste as yummy as those fruits, some parts of the rose are actually edible!... And good for you! Flowers left on a rose petal at the end of the season will turn into something called "rose hips", which is an ingredient in lots of differts kinds of jam, jelly and even tea... it's also an excellent source of vitamin c!

Mindy. now, if you did not get the answer correct, you must stop, drop, and... pick a rose with your toes!

<<audience reacts>>

Guy Raz. round two....Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it, a) the jackfruit is the biggest tree fruit in the world (wow)

Mindy. or is it b) yams are similar to yellys, and both are great on toast!

Guy Raz. or is it c) a yam is another name for jackfruit. They are the same thing

Mindy. hmmm... lots to think about here. When you think you know the answer, find a fruit and yam on it!!

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<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone, it's tilly (till-ee) from texas with our winning wow

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner! Fruit-named-jack for dinner!

Guy Raz. thank you, tilly! Wowzers, if you guessed a) the jackfruit is the biggest tree fruit in the world, congratulations you got the winning wow! Way to go!

Mindy. the jackfruit is actually a species of tree in the fig or mulberry family. It is the largest tree fruit in the world, with some fruits weighing 120 pounds or so!

Guy Raz. jackfruit trees are usually found in tropical regions or rainforests in places like india the philippines malaysia and even australia. I

Mindy. now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and do 10 jumping jacks while saying "I love fruit"!...

<<audience reacts>>

Mindy. and now it's time to thank our sponsors! Today's show is brought to you by... stems! Those teeny tiny pieces of branch that attach the fruit to the trees. If it wasn't for stems, all of the tree fruit that we know and love would just fall to the ground where we could easily pick them up and eat them without having to climb the tree or use a ladder or anything... (pauses as she thinks this through) actually, on second thought, maybe we don't like stems? I mean, it would be a lot more convenient if the fruit was already on the ground waiting for us, wouldn't it? ... well... thanks anyway stems!

Guy Raz. all right, thank you stems!... I think... now let's take a quick break and hear some other important messages for grown-ups.

<<applause>>

<<spot break>>

Guy Raz. welcome back to two what's and a wow!

Mindy. the scientific game show that separates the wow's from the whaaaats?

Guy Raz. and now we're on to our final round of questions! Round three! Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow. Is it, a) strawberries don't have seeds

Mindy. or is it b) coconuts are both a fruit and a nut (wow)

Guy Raz. or is it c) pumpkins are not berries

Mindy. take a second to think this over, and when you know the answer, peel me a grape !

<<tape player button>>

<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone with the answer, it's arcello (uh-sell-oh) & sebastian (suh-bas-teen) from colorado! Guys, please tell us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner coconut cake for dinner!

Guy Raz. good job,ben! Wowzers, if you guessed b) coconuts are both a fruit and a nut, you nailed it! You got the winning wow! Way to go!

Mindy. it all depends upon how you classify it! The botanical classification of the coconut is a "drupe", which is a kind of fruit....

Guy Raz. but certain types of drupes and nuts can be classified as tree nuts - which is a nut or fruit that grows from a tree... so that means a coconut is also a type of tree nut.

Mindy. who knew coconuts were so complicated? ... now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and shout "I am a nut and I'm proud of it!"

(Soundbite of alarm clock ticking and dinging)

**Guy Raz.** What was that!?

**Mindy.** Oh Guy Raz, that sound can mean only one thing!

**Guy Raz.** You baked an apple pie, and now it's done?

**Mindy.** Uh, no. But that's a lovely dream, Guy Raz! That sounds means it's time for today's winning wowzers prize! And today, all of our winning wowzers will be receiving their very own pocketful of apple seeds! Pockets not included. Reggie!

**Reggie.** Coo!

**Mindy.** Cue the prize cannon!

**Reggie.** Coo!

(Soundbite of prize cannon firing)

**Guy Raz.** Well, that's about all the time we have for today, but if you want to keep the fun going even longer, be sure to come back for another round of Two Whats?! And A Wow!

**Mindy & Guy Raz.** Keep on wowing!

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