



1. ice-cream van
[ˈaɪs ˈkri:m væn]
2. lolly, ice lolly
[ˈaɪs ˌlɒli] UK,
popsicle
[ˈpɒpsɪkəl] N. Am.
3. ice-cream stick
[ˈaɪs kri:m ˌstɪk]
4. cone [kəʊn]
5. tub [tʌb]
6. ice-cream parlour
[ˈaɪs kri:m ˈpɑ:lə]
7. sundae [ˈsʌndeɪ]
8. whipped cream
[ˈwɪpt ˈkri:m]
9. wafer [ˈweɪfə]
10. milkshake
[ˈmɪlkʃeɪk]
11. scoop [ˈsku:p]
12. strawberry
[ˈstrɔ:bəri]
13. lemon [ˈlemən]
14. stracciatella
[ˌstrætʃəˈtelə]
15. pistachio
[pɪˈstɑːʃiəʊ]
16. chocolate
[ˈtʃɒklət]
17. iced coffee
[ˈaɪst ˈkɒfi] UK,
ice coffee
[ˈaɪs ˈkɒfi] N. Am.

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VOCABULARY

Ice cream

Do you like your ice cream in a cone, or do you prefer a tub with a spoon? ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language to talk about everyone's favourite summer treat.

MEDIUM PLUS

We all scream for ice cream!

I live next door to the best **ice-cream parlour** in town — a mixed blessing, as I have to watch my figure.

Gianni's Gelato is an old, **family-run** business. At first, Gianni sold **hand-made** vanilla and chocolate ice cream from a **cart**. His sons upgraded to a motorized **van**, adding strawberry and pistachio to the range of **flavours**. Today, customers are spoiled for choice. You can find all the Italian classics, from **amarena** to **zuppa inglese**. The brothers have created lots of new flavours, too, including my current favourite: lime and black pepper. To cater to British **taste**, they also serve **Knickerbocker Glory** and other **delicious** old-fashioned ice-cream **sundaes topped with** plenty of **whipped cream**.

Quality comes at a price, of course. Gianni's **frozen treats** cost £3.50 a **scoop**. A half-litre **takeaway tub** costs £10. But cheaper, **mass-produced** ice cream simply doesn't compare with the **freshly made artisanal** kind.

PRACTICE

Now, try the following exercises to practise talking about the delights of ice cream.



Exercise 1

E

Complete the definitions (A–F) with words from the list.

cart | cone | parlour | scoop | sundae | van

- A. An "ice-cream _____" is a shop that sells ice cream.
- B. An "ice-cream _____" is a motorized vehicle from which ice cream is sold in the street.
- C. An "ice-cream _____" is a small hand-pushed vehicle from which ice cream is sold in the street.
- D. An "ice-cream _____" is a dessert of ice cream covered with fruit, sauce, etc. and served in a tall glass.
- E. An "ice-cream _____" is a hard, thin biscuit shaped like a cone that is filled with ice cream.
- F. An "ice-cream _____" is a tool used for serving ice cream. The word is also used to refer to the amount of ice cream it holds.

Exercise 3

A

Replace the expressions in bold with idiomatic expressions from the text on the opposite page.

- A. No ice cream for me, thanks. I need to **keep my weight down**.
- B. So many different flavours! We **can't decide which one to choose**.
- C. The Gelateria Alberto **provides products for** vegans.
- D. They sell the best ice cream in town — **for a lot of money!**
- E. Ice cream on a stick **is not as good as** the handmade Italian kind.

Absolutely delicious!

Here are some adjectives that you can use to talk about ice cream:

If ice cream tastes very good, you can say it is **tasty**, **delicious** or, very informally, **yummy**. If it's **mouth-watering**, it looks or smells so good that you want to taste it.

Ice cream made from milk is **creamy**. If it contains nuts, it can be **crunchy**. Cones and wafers should be **crisp** or **crispy**.

Ice cream usually tastes **sweet**, but some new flavours (such as Gianni's lime and black pepper) may be **tart** or **zesty**.

Ice cream contains a lot of calories, so unfortunately, it's always **fattening**.

Exercise 2

M

Answer the questions below to find one word in each line that is different from the other two.

- A. Which do you not eat from?
 1. a cone 2. a scoop 3. a tub
- B. Which is not a flavour?
 1. chocolate 2. pistachio 3. sundae
- C. Which can't you eat?
 1. a taste 2. a treat 3. a topping
- D. Which does not contain milk?
 1. a lolly 2. iced coffee 3. whipped cream

Answers

1. A. parlour
B. van
C. cart
D. sundae
E. cone
F. scoop
2. A–2; B–3; C–1; D–1
3. A. watch my figure
B. are spoiled for choice
C. caters to
D. at a price
E. doesn't compare with

