

Onion Quiz: questions and answers



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- Allium
- Apium

2. Which of the following species is not a close relative of onions?

- Celery
- Garlic
- Leek

3. What is the scientific name of the Japanese bunching onion?

- Allium fistulosum
- Solanum tuberosum
- Apium graveolens

4. What is the geographic origin of the onion?

- China
- North Africa
- Uncertain

5. The onion plant has been grown and selectively bred in cultivation for at least:

- 8,000 years
- 7,000 years

6,000 years

6. The onion plant is a biennial plant, what does it mean?

- It means the onion plant is a flowering plant that takes three years to complete its biological lifecycle
- It means the onion plant is a flowering plant that takes two years to complete its biological lifecycle
- It means the onion plant is a flowering plant that takes one year to complete its biological lifecycle

7. Modern onion varieties typically grow to a height of:

- 30 to 60 centimeters
- 15 to 45 centimeters
- 20 to 30 centimeters

8. Which ancient civilization used onions in their burials?

- Sumer
- Babylonia
- Ancient Egypt

9. What is the water content of most onion cultivars?

- 67%
- 89%
- 98%

10. What is a Zwiebelkuchen?

- A savory German one-crust onion cake made of steamed onions
- A Scottish dish, made from oatmeal fried with fat, onions and seasonings
- A type of soup usually based on meat stock and onions

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