

Disgusting Food Museum opens in Sweden

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There is a museum for everything these days. The latest museum to open may turn you off your dinner. It is the Disgusting Food Museum, which opened earlier this week in Malmo, Sweden. The new exhibition will allow people to analyze

why they love and hate certain foods. It might also lead them to consider alternative food sources. The museum's founder, Dr Samuel West, explained why he created the project. He said he was researching the effect of meat consumption and its effect on the environment. This made him think about alternative sources of protein, like insects. He said: "If you ask people if they want to eat bugs, they say 'that's gross.' That's the obstacle, but maybe I can make them reconsider."

The museum is a 400-square-meter space that will challenge four of our five senses - smell, touch, sight and taste. The displays include food from around the world that some people might think is "disgusting". However people in other parts of the world think this food is totally normal and is a regular part of their diet. The food exhibits include American favorites such as Jell-O salad and world food like fried tarantula, fermented shark, roasted guinea pigs and sheep eyeball juice. Dr West said we could all eat any food, but our culture tells us what is tasty and what is not. He said: "What we find disgusting has to be learned - it's purely cultural." He added: "One of my worries is that it will start stinking in here."

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Writing

We can all learn to love every food in the world. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

museum / everything / these days / exhibition / alternative / project / consumption / space / five senses / diet / tarantula / eyeball juice / disgusting / cultural / stinking

True / False

- The article says a new Museum of Everything museum has opened. T / F
- The museum wants to make people hate different kinds of food. T / F
- The museum started after the founder did research on vegetables. T / F
- The founder wants people to think about eating insects. T / F
- The museum will challenge all of our five senses. T / F
- One of the museum's exhibits is sheep eyeball juice. T / F
- A doctor said our culture teaches us what food is tasty and not tasty. T / F
- The museum's founder is worried about the smell in the museum. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. latest | a. other |
| 2. disgusting | b. smelling |
| 3. analyze | c. change one's mind |
| 4. alternative | d. revolting |
| 5. reconsider | e. displays |
| 6. exhibits | f. areas |
| 7. parts | g. most recent |
| 8. totally | h. concerns |
| 9. worries | i. examine |
| 10. stinking | j. completely |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What is your favourite museum and why?
- Would you like to eat in the Disgusting Food Museum?
- Which senses do you use when eating?
- What foreign food do you dislike?
- What do you think of fried tarantula?
- Could you learn to like sheep eyeball juice?
- What questions would you like to ask the museum's boss?

Phrase Match

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| 1. There is a museum for everything these | a. environment |
| 2. turn you | b. reconsider |
| 3. consider alternative food | c. here |
| 4. its effect on the | d. parts of the world |
| 5. maybe I can make them | e. off your dinner |
| 6. challenge four of our five | f. is not |
| 7. The displays include food from | g. days |
| 8. people in other | h. senses |
| 9. what is tasty and what | i. sources |
| 10. it will start stinking in | j. around the world |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of museums?
- What do you think of a Disgusting Food Museum?
- What food do you love and hate?
- What is the most disgusting thing you have eaten?
- Have you ever thought about alternative food sources?
- What effect does everyone eating meat have on the environment?
- What do you think of the idea of eating bugs?
- Is there anything disgusting in your country's cuisine?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. f	8. j	9. h	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Disgusting food

You think a disgusting food museum is the best kind of museum. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science, music or dinosaur.

Role B – Science

You think a science museum is the best kind of museum. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): disgusting food, music or dinosaur.

Role C – Music

You think a music museum is the best kind of museum. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science, disgusting food or dinosaur.

Role D – Dinosaur

You think a dinosaur museum is the best kind of museum. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science, music or disgusting food.

Speaking – Museums

Rank these with your partner. Put the best museums at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Disgusting food | • Transport |
| • Science | • Toy |
| • Fashion | • Music |
| • Dinosaur | • Space |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.