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## Unseen #6 – The Discovery of Bananas

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Bananas are a popular fruit today, but have you ever wondered where they came from? The origin of bananas is traced back to Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. These tropical regions provided the perfect environment for bananas to grow.

Traders and explorers carried bananas along ancient trade routes to Africa and the Middle East. Over time, bananas became a staple food in many cultures. They were easy to grow, rich in nutrients, and could be used in a variety of dishes.

In the 19th century, bananas made their way to the Americas, thanks to entrepreneurs who saw their potential. They started banana plantations and used advanced shipping methods to distribute them widely. This led to bananas becoming a common fruit in grocery stores around the world.

Today, bananas are more than just a tasty snack. They are an essential part of diets worldwide, enjoyed in smoothies, desserts, and even savory dishes. Their journey from tropical forests to global supermarkets is a testament to their enduring appeal.

### Word Bank

Origin - מקור | Traders - סוחרים | Entrepreneurs - יזמים | Plantations - מטעים  
| Testament - עדות



## Questions

**1. Where is the origin of bananas traced back to?**

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**2. How did bananas become a staple food in many cultures?**

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**3. Who brought bananas to the Americas?**

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**4. What made bananas a common fruit in grocery stores worldwide?**

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**5. How are bananas enjoyed today in various diets?**

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**6. What do you think makes bananas so popular?**

- A) Taste - B) Versatility - C) Nutrients - D) Easy to grow



## #6 – The Discovery of Bananas - Answers

1. The origin of bananas is traced back to Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.
2. Bananas became a staple food because they were easy to grow, rich in nutrients, and could be used in a variety of dishes.
3. Entrepreneurs brought bananas to the Americas.
4. Advanced shipping methods and banana plantations made them a common fruit in grocery stores.
5. Bananas are enjoyed in smoothies, desserts, and even savory dishes.
6. This question is multiple-choice and subjective.