

## Street Food: Food Idioms Activity

“Street food” is just what it sounds like: food sold on the street! It is ready-to-eat food that is sold in a busy public place--either on the street or at a market or fair. Many countries around the world have their own unique types of street food; even some cities in America have special street foods! In the sentences below, you will learn about street foods from all over the world. Read the sentence and replace the bolded word/phrase with one of the food idioms that you learned. (Note: All idioms are included in the book [Icing on the Cake: Food Idioms](#))

1. Bianca was upset that someone on the crowded streets of Sicily, Italy, had knocked her gelato right out of its cone, but her mother told her not to **cry over something that cannot be changed** \_\_\_\_\_.



Gelato is an Italian frozen dessert, similar to ice cream, but made with more milk, and served at a slightly warmer temperature.

2. People love the banana cues from Armando’s cart so much that they **go crazy** \_\_\_\_\_ over them!



Banana cues are a popular street food in the Philippines. They are made by frying a saba banana and coating it in caramelized brown sugar.

3. Elif felt like **a very important person** \_\_\_\_\_ when everyone lined up to buy the kebabs that she was selling.



Kebabs are middle-eastern meat dishes, typically containing cubes of meat and vegetables on a stick. They are a popular street food, especially in Istanbul, Turkey.

4. The floating markets in Bangkok, Thailand are always very busy and crowded. If you visit, you should be prepared to **use your brain** \_\_\_\_\_ so that you don't get lost.



At floating markets in Thailand, the local produce and street food is sold by vendors in boats!

5. Amita and Anaya were **very similar** \_\_\_\_\_. One thing that they shared was their love of jalebis, which they would sometimes buy from a local vendor on their walk home from school.



Jalebis are Indian sweet snacks made by deep-frying dough in a circular shape and soaking it in sugary syrup

## Discussion questions

1. Have you ever bought food from a street vendor? If so, where did you buy it and what kind of food was it?

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2. What do you think might be exciting about buying food from a street vendor instead of from a restaurant or supermarket?

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3. If you could taste any of the street food in this activity, which would you most want to taste? Why?

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**Answer Key**

1. Cry over spilled milk
2. Go bananas
3. The big cheese
4. Use your noodle
5. Two peas in a pod