

# Eating Blackberries

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Little Tommy loved fruit.  
He could eat three kiwis.  
He could eat a dozen bananas.  
He could eat a baby pineapple.  
He could eat six red apples.  
He could eat a pound of cherries.  
He could eat half a giant watermelon.  
He could eat a whole carton of strawberries.  
Those were all good, but his favorite fruit to eat was blackberries.



They looked like little dark bunches of grapes, but didn't taste like grapes.  
He liked to bite each little section off the fruit.  
He also liked to pop the whole fruit in his mouth.  
He gobbled them down like candy.  
They were so juicy and tart.  
They were the best fruit ever!



His mother didn't like blackberries.  
She didn't like them because he played with them, and his clothes got stained.  
He had red stains on his fingers, and he had red stains all over his clothes.  
Still, they were so delicious.

The only problem was that they didn't grow all year long.  
They grew mostly in the summer or fall, so he couldn't eat them every day.  
Maybe that made him enjoy them more when he had them, then.



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  - D. grapefruit
  
2. What kind of fruit does the story not mention?
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  - B. bananas
  - C. blackberries
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3. Who doesn't like blackberries?
  - A. father
  - B. mother
  - C. sister
  - D. brother
  
4. Why doesn't she like blackberries?
  - A. They stain his clothes.
  - B. They taste funny.
  - C. They make her sick.
  - D. They are smelly.
  
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