



AUSTRALIAN BANANAS

Alex's story behind the facts

I can't believe that what happened at afternoon snack time today was what inspired me to investigate more about Australian bananas, but here's my story.

Mum handed my little brother Iggy and I a banana each for our afternoon snack. As usual, Iggy found something to complain about and managed to cause a ruckus.

First, Iggy complained that he couldn't peel his banana. He crossed his arms in frustration and pulled a sour-looking face. Mum peeled it for him.

I don't understand why Mum seems to fix EVERYTHING for Iggy without saying a single word!

Anyway, Iggy thought it was a good idea to try and stuff the whole banana in his mouth at once. It was disgusting!

Mum calmly suggested that Iggy might like to eat the banana one bite at a time!

Hmmm - that suggestion, as usual, was ignored.

Our Golden Retriever, Nick sat close by, VERY close by, hoping for something to drop out of Iggy's mouth and into his, I suspect. You would have thought Iggy was eating a steak, by the way Nick was drooling.

Not me, before I peeled my banana, I studied it closely. It was a lovely yellow but it had a few scars on its skin. I wondered what might have caused those. Have you ever noticed that bananas have ridges running up and down their skins. These ridges make it easier to peel a banana - how clever is that!



Then, for whatever reason - I wondered why bananas are bent! I decided to investigate this further and I discovered some amazing 'stuff' about Australian bananas and yes, I DID find out why my 'Cavendish' banana was bent.

Nick missed out on any banana because Iggy, miraculously, found a way to chew and swallow all the banana he'd stuffed in his mouth.

Iggy talks ALL the time, so at least he was quiet while he was chewing. Although, he was still humming a little tune at the same time that he was eating. Yep he does that. He hums a lot too - it's sooooo annoying sometimes.



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I didn't have much homework, so after dinner, I sat on the back porch (with Nick who had arrived for a pat) and I stared at the millions of stars. It was easy to make lots of 'banana shapes' out of the stars, and lots of other pictures too.

What a really cool night sky it was - so quiet, with every star twinkling, as if to tell its own story, hoping someone was listening. I was!

Why not check out my 'Australian bananas (including why bananas are bent!) favourite fast facts' to discover the answer to this interesting question and other fascinating facts you may not know about Aussie bananas!