

German Ice Cream Shop Now Serves Cricket Ice Cream

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Flavor (Noun) /'fleɪvər/ the way food or drink tastes
Example: The chocolate company released their latest line of products with a lot of flavors to choose from.
2. Scoop (Noun) /sku:p/ a utensil similar to a spoon but with a deeper bowl; an amount taken by such a utensil
Example: I want a scoop of rocky road, coffee crumble, and double dutch.
3. Frozen (Adjective) /'frouzn/ (of food) stored at a low temperature in order to keep it fresh
Example: We have to make sure that meat is frozen to keep it preserved.
4. Curious (Adjective) /'kjʊəri:əs/ wanting to know or learn about someone or something
Example: I am curious about the new theater that's opening by the end of the month.
5. Enthusiastic (Adjective) /ɛn,θu:zi:'æstɪk/ having or showing a lot of interest in or excitement about something
Example: People who are enthusiastic are always excited in doing the things that they love.
6. Disgusting (Adjective) /dɪs'gæstrɪŋ/ very unpleasant or gross
Example: I found the place quite disgusting with all the trash that's scattered and the leaking ceilings.



A German ice cream shop now has a surprising new item on its menu: cricket-flavored scoops with dried brown crickets on top. According to a German news agency, the unusual ice creams are available at Thomas Micolino's store in the German town of Rottenburg am Neckar.

Micolino has a history of creating unusual **flavors**. In the past, he's offered liver sausage and Gorgonzola cheese ice cream, as well as ice cream covered in gold for 4 euros — around 580 yen — per scoop. "I am a very **curious** person and want to try everything," Micolino said. "I've eaten a lot of things, including a lot of strange things, and crickets were something I still wanted to try."

He can now produce the cricket flavor because of a European Union rule that allows the use of the insects in food. According to the rule, crickets may be **frozen**, dried or used as a powder. Micolino's ice cream is made of cricket flour, heavy cream, vanilla and honey, with dried whole crickets on top.

Micolino says that although some people think the idea of insect ice cream is **disgusting**, curious customers have mostly liked the new flavor. "Those who try it are very **enthusiastic**," Micolino said. "I have customers who come here every day and buy a **scoop**." One of his customers, Konstantin Dick, was positive about the cricket flavor, saying: "Yes, it's really very tasty."

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts on cricket-flavored ice cream? Would you try it?
2. Have you ever eaten an insect? If so, how was it prepared and did you enjoy it?
3. Do you think eating insects will become more common in decades to come?
4. How often do you eat ice cream? What's your favorite flavor?
5. If you could create an ice cream with any flavor, what would you choose?