

## Cal and the Spumoni Surprise

It was a bright afternoon in Mrs. Carter's classroom, and the students could tell something exciting was about to happen. On her desk sat a big, colorful box covered in ice packs.

"Today," Mrs. Carter began with a smile, "we're going to learn about a special dessert called *Spumoni*! Does anyone know what that is?"

A few hands shot up, but Cal raised his the highest. "Is it like spaghetti?" he guessed.

The class giggled. Mrs. Carter laughed softly. "Not quite, Cal. Spumoni is an Italian dessert. It's a layered ice cream made with different flavors—usually chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. Sometimes it has fruit and nuts inside too."

"Wait...all in one scoop?" asked Zoe, her eyes wide.

"Yes," Mrs. Carter nodded. "It's like a celebration in every bite. Spumoni was first made in Italy and became popular in Italian communities in the United States."

"That sounds awesome," said Cal. "It's like an ice cream team working together!"

"Exactly!" Mrs. Carter replied. "And just like a good team, each flavor is different but important."

She opened the box and revealed small cups of Spumoni for everyone. The students carefully took their cups and spoons.

"Try the pistachio part first," said Mrs. Carter. "It's nutty and green."

Cal took a spoonful and squinted. "It tastes...like my grandpa's cookies! Kind of sweet, kind of nutty."

"Now the cherry," Zoe said, digging in. "Whoa, that's fruity and creamy at the same time."

"And the chocolate?" asked Cal. "That's the best—like a little ice cream hug."

The classroom buzzed with happy chatter as the kids sampled each layer.

Mrs. Carter asked, "So what did we learn from Spumoni today?"

"That teamwork makes everything sweeter!" Cal said proudly.

"And that dessert can be history too," Zoe added.

Mrs. Carter beamed. "Exactly. Food can teach us about culture, history, and even working together."

As they finished their treat, Cal licked his spoon and whispered to Zoe, "I think Spumoni might just be my new favorite subject."

The whole class laughed, and Mrs. Carter couldn't help but agree—sometimes the tastiest lessons are the ones you can eat.

# Spumoni Activity Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1: Flavor Match

Draw a line to match each flavor of Spumoni with its description.

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| 1. Chocolate | a. Nutty and green  |
| 2. Pistachio | b. Fruity and sweet |
| 3. Cherry    | c. Rich and creamy  |

## Part 2: True or False

Circle **True** or **False** for each statement.

1. Spumoni is a type of pasta. (**True / False**)
2. Spumoni usually has three flavors: chocolate, pistachio, and cherry. (**True / False**)
3. Spumoni was first made in Italy. (**True / False**)
4. Spumoni teaches us about teamwork and culture. (**True / False**)

## Part 3: Short Answer

1. Which flavor of Spumoni would you like the most and why?
2. What did Cal say Spumoni was like?

## Part 4: Creative Fun!

### Design Your Own Spumoni!

Spumoni has layers of ice cream. On the lines below, write down three flavors you would put in your own version.

**My Spumoni flavors:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.