

## Goodies

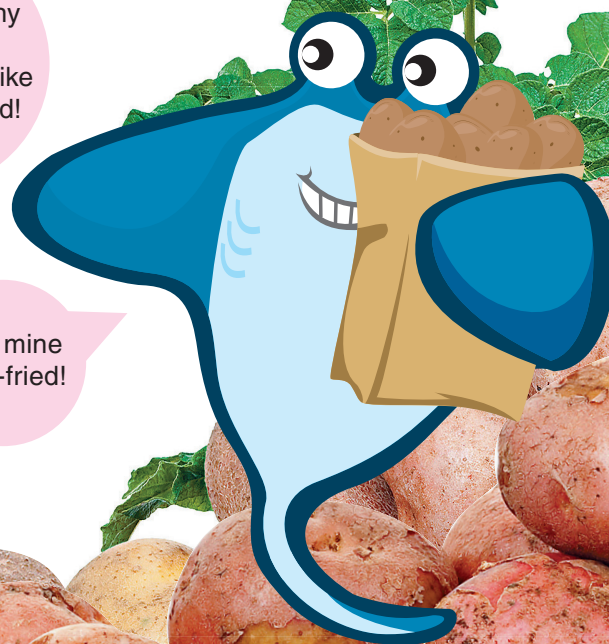


## No small potatoes



There are many ways to use potatoes, but I like them in a salad!

I like mine deep-fried!



## Editor's Note

Hi! We are back after a short Easter break. Now the march is towards the summer holiday and I am sure many students cannot wait to get their exams out of the way. All primary students have to go through this tough period.

But if you work hard and try your best, you can look back with satisfaction at a job well done and enjoy the holiday. Bruce Lee once said, "Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." He believed that if you want to be a success in life, you have to work hard for it. To know more about Bruce Lee, turn to G08. Elsewhere in *Goodies*, a student wants the summer holiday to come quickly because she dislikes her classmates. What an unhappy girl! Find out what advice Rose gives on G10.



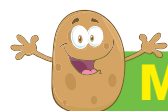
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**P**OTATO chips, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, French fries... how do you like them? Potatoes can be turned into delicious dishes and snacks. Beside eating them, did you know that they can be used in some other ways? See what amazing tricks potatoes can pull!





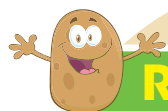
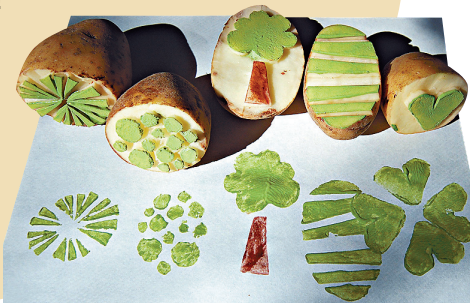
Here are some of the many ways people make use of potatoes besides eating them



### Making a stamp

YOU can easily buy any **fancy** rubber stamp nowadays. But actually you can make your own using potatoes!

Simply cut them in half and **carve** the shapes you want with a small knife. But get help from your parents, first.



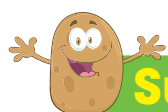
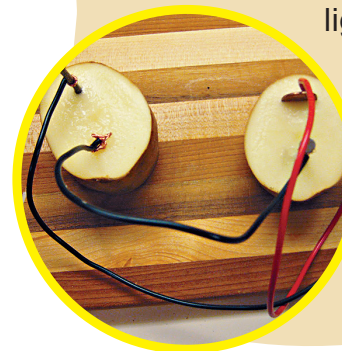
### Removing rust

THE acid in a potato's juice can be used for dissolving **rust**. You can cut a potato and rub it on a rusted area on pans in the kitchen or on some surfaces in the bathroom, and it will remove the rust.



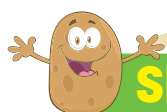
### Providing electricity

POTATOES can be used to make a battery to light up a bulb or a digital clock by attaching certain wires to them.



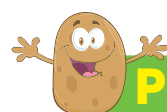
### Substituting plastic

THE starch from potatoes can be completely **biodegraded**. They can be used to make disposable spoons, forks and dishes.



### Shining shoes

CUT a potato in half and rub them on some old shoes. With a bit of polishing, they will become shiny.



### Producing photographs

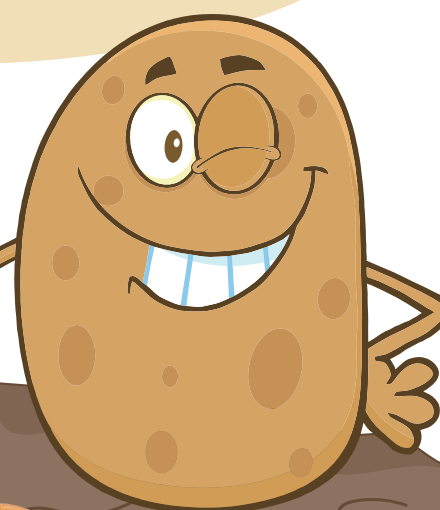
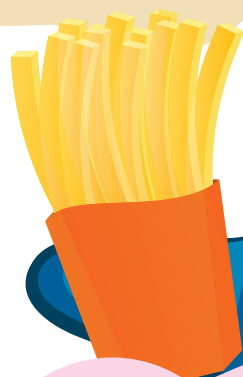
A SMALL group of photographers is still using an old method to develop film. It is called 'autochrome'. They use very tiny potato starch **grain** and some liquid chemicals to produce photographs.



### Making a hot compress

POTATOES **retain** heat and cold well. You can wrap a boiled potato up in a cloth and apply it to aching muscles. If you want it cold, just put it in the fridge before using it.

There is more than one way to peel a potato, but only one way to eat it!



### Potato idioms

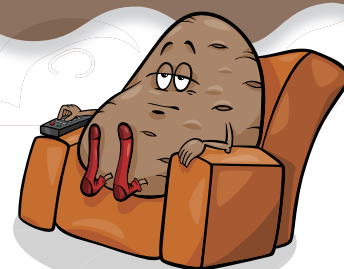
**Small potatoes** : something or someone insignificant

**Hot potato** : a difficult problem that it is risky to deal with

**Meat and potatoes** : the fundamental part or parts of something

**Couch potato** : a lazy person addicted to watching television

**Mouse potato** : someone who spends a great amount of time using a computer



fancy (adj) 美麗的、裝飾的  
carve (v) 雕刻

rust (n) 鐵銹  
biodegrade (v) 生物分解

grain (n) 小塊  
retain (v) 保存

