10 Fun Facts About Ketchup

1 Early versions of ketchup did NOT use tomatoes.

2 The main ingredient in ketchup used to be either anchovies, walnuts or mushrooms!

3 In the mid 1800’s ketchup was considered a form of medicine to cure diarrhea, jaundice and indigestion.

4 The thickest ketchups flow from the (non-squeezable) bottle at a speed of .028 miles per hour – slower than a turtle!

5 The world’s largest ketchup bottle, in Collinsville, IL stands over 70 feet tall! Sadly it is NOT filled with actual ketchup.

6 The good people of Collinsville made up for the ketchup-less bottle by making the world’s largest ketchup packet. It is over eight feet tall. And this one IS filled with actual ketchup!

7 Ketchup can polish steel! Because of the acidity of the tomatoes and vinegar contained in ketchup, it makes an excellent cleaner to remove tarnish from copper, brass, silver and even steel.

8 Some companies make special ketchup potato chips.

9 You can find ketchup in 97% of all American homes.

10 Statistically, each person in the U.S. eats 3 bottles worth of ketchup per year.