

# Facts Page

Let these food and math facts help enhance your lesson.

Salsa is Spanish for “*sauce*.” Today, salsa has come to mean a cold, uncooked sauce made from tomatoes, onions, chiles and cilantro. Many different varieties are available in stores everywhere—they may be canned, jarred or refrigerated. Salsas will range in flavor and spiciness to meet every taste, from mild to very hot. In the U.S., salsa is usually used as a dip, but can also be used as an ingredient in cooking or as a condiment.

It is the spicy nature of salsa *the food* that has resulted in its name now being associated with a spicy Latin dance!

Cilantro [sih-LAHN-troh] is the stems and bright green leaves of the coriander plant. Although many people nickname it “Mexican parsley,” it is also called Chinese parsley. It is used to flavor many Asian, Caribbean and Latin American foods.

Did you know? Mathematics is commonly called “math” in the U.S. and “maths” in the UK and many other countries.

Measurement is an important part of a recipe. In Pablo’s Salsa, he counted the numbers of each vegetable he used. When we make recipes, we typically use measuring cups and measuring spoons to help us get the right amount of an ingredient. In our salsa, we will count AND measure! What are some other ways we use math every day?

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