

# Mango Bingo!

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**Grade Level:** Pre-K

**Objective:** Children will be able to describe characteristics of a mango, how it grows, and other various information about the fruit. They will become more familiar with this tropical fruit, hopefully increasing their interest in fruits in general.



**Illinois Learning Standard:**

**What You Will Need:**

Bingo Game Card (1x30)

Bingo Place Marker Pieces- laminated pictures of mangos (~25x30)

**Activity Instruction:**

1. Pass out MANGO "BINGO" cards and place markers while explaining the rules of the game
2. Pick random mango facts from a bag and have children mark matching words on their cards
3. When a child has a "MANGO" (an entire row, column, or diagonal line covered with markers) check their spaces to see if they win a prize (fruit stickers, pencils, or something small)

**Fun Mango Facts:**

- Mangos are the most popular fruit in the world
- A mango tree can grow as tall as 100 feet
- In India a basket of mangos is considered a gesture of friendship
- Mangos were first grown in India over 5,000 years ago
- In some Latin American countries, mango on a stick with the skin peeled back is sold by street vendors
- Most of the mangos sold in the U.S. come from Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Guatemala, and Haiti (mango.org)

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Mango trees can grow to 100 feet tall	Most popular fruit around the world	Mango on a stick is served in some Latin American countries	Mangos are grown in India, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Guatemala, and Haiti	Mangos can be red, yellow, and green
Mangos are soft when ripe	Red does not mean ripe	First grown in India over 5,000 years ago	Mangos are available all year long	Mangos are related to cashews and pistachios
Great source of vitamin A	The inside of a mango is an orange color with a large seed	A mango tree doesn't produce fruit till it is about 4 years old	Flowers also grow on mango trees	Mango trees prefer a tropical, warm climate
The leaves on Mango trees are green all year long	Mangos are harvested in the heat of the summer	Mangos can range from 2 to 10 inches in length	The mango is the national fruit of India	There are many different varieties of mangos
Mangos are a great source of fiber	The seed and skin are not edible	Oval shaped	Great source of vitamin C	Putting mangos in a paper bag will make them ripen quicker