

Worksheet 2

Serendipity

Accidental Food Inventions

The word 'serendipity' is sometimes used to describe the situation when someone makes a wonderful discovery more or less by accident.

In the information text *Serendipity*, you learnt that Coca Cola and Corn Flakes were accidental discoveries that have remained hugely popular for over a hundred years. But, these two examples are not alone. Some of your favourite foods have also been discovered more or less by accident.

Task 1: Write your own information text about some other popular foods that have been discovered by accident. Include the following:

- ◇ Icy poles (originally known as Popsicles and still called this in the USA)
- ◇ Sandwiches
- ◇ Chocolate Chip Cookies
- ◇ Potato chips
- ◇ Ice-cream cones

Task 2: Transfer your information to a slide show presentation adding images, animations and audio effects if possible.

Task 3: Present your information as an oral report to an appropriate audience. Use the following tips to help you present your oral report more effectively:

- **Project your voice** so that the audience can clearly hear what you are saying.
- **Keep a steady, even pace** making sure you don't rush through it.
- **Look as though you are really interested** in what you are saying.
- **Keep your face animated** when you are talking.
- **Look up at your audience** during the presentation as much as possible by either making eye contact with people or looking at a pre-selected spot at the back of the room.
- **Use appropriate hand gestures** to complement or emphasise certain points in the oral report.
- **Keep your feet still** trying hard not to move them or shuffle them around.

GOOD LUCK!