

Tongue Story

Story

[Every time you come to the word “tongue” in the story, don’t say the word, but point to the others listening and have them say the word “tongue.”]

There was once a king who wanted to be the best king in the whole wide world. He decided to have a huge feast to show everyone that he was a great king. He put up fancy banners, and he had the most beautiful music playing for his guests. He asked his servant to prepare the best food in the whole world. Finally the appointed time for the feast came, and everyone arrived dressed in their finest clothes.

The first item served was a tongue appetizer. Everyone ate it and enjoyed it, and they were ready for the next course. So the servant brought out a tongue roast and tongue side dishes and tongue salad. Then came the tongue drink and a tongue dessert.

The king was furious with his servant! He had asked for the best food in the whole world, and the servant had prepared everything out of tongue! The king told his servant that he would give him one more chance. The king would have another feast in two weeks, and this time, the king wanted the servant to prepare the worst food in the whole world.

Finally, the time for the second feast arrived, and all of the people came back to the king’s palace. They were again dressed in their fancy clothes, and they danced to the beautiful music. Once again, they sat down to eat, this time expecting the worst food in the world. When the servant brought out the appetizer, the king couldn’t believe it! It was tongue soup!! And then the servant brought out a tongue salad and a tongue entrée and a tongue dessert. Even the drink was tongue.

The king was beside himself with rage. He demanded the servant explain himself. "I asked you to get the best food in the world and you served tongue, and I asked you to get the worst food in the world and you served tongue! How can tongue be both the best food and the worst?"

The servant bowed deeply before the king and softly replied, "Master, the tongue is the best food because it can say 'I love you, I honor you, I will be loyal to you,' but it is also the worst food because it can say, 'I hate you, you are my enemy, I will destroy you.' Tongue is the best and the worst in all the world."