



FREDDY'S FUNGUS FACTS

Did you know?

that fungi have their own special kingdom, as they are different from both plants and animals? Find out more amazing fungus facts by testing your friends and family. Which facts are true and which are not true (false)?

↑ Fungi are plants.
FALSE

↑ Fungi are animals.
FALSE

↑ Instead of eggs or seeds, fungi make millions of tiny spores to grow new fungi.
TRUE

↑ The spores are very hard. Some last for 100 years.
TRUE

↑ All fungi are slimy.
FALSE

↑ Most of a fungus lives out

of sight, as a mass of very thin threads. The bits we see are just the 'fruiting' bits that make new fungi.
TRUE

↑ 9 out of every 10 plants have friendly fungi on their roots, which give them food from the soil. In return the plants give sugars to the fungi.
TRUE

↑ All fungi are poisonous.
FALSE

↑ A few fungi are so poisonous, they can kill you.
TRUE

↑ People use fungi in some medicines.
TRUE

↑ Fungi can break down dead plants, making them into food in the soil, to feed living things.
TRUE

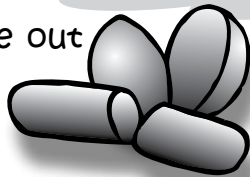
A few types of fungi are poisonous, so ask an expert before touching. You can poke fungi gently with a stick to see if they are hard or rubbery, jelly-like, crumbly, dusty or slimy. If you do touch them with your fingers, don't put your fingers in your mouth until you have washed your hands afterwards, to be on the safe side.



MAKE 2 CLAY MUSHROOMS

1 Make a ball and a sausage out of modelling clay.

2 Using a plastic knife, cut the ball and the sausage right through the middle.



6 Put the tops on the stems and make sure they are stuck on firmly. You have made clay mushrooms! You can use them as a windowsill decoration along with pot plants.

3 Make little cuts in a circle, like this, on the flat side of each half of the ball. These are the gills.

4 Stand up the two short sausage shapes as the stems. They might need a clay base to keep them steady.

5 You can make little skirts, called rings, for the stems. Roll two mini clay sausages until they are long, thin and very flat, then wrap them round each stem.

Try making different shapes and sizes. Paint the tops red with white dots to make the famous and very poisonous 'fly agaric' toadstools.

