

I Spy Kool-Aid

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I spy something sweet and sugary...Kool-Aid! As you 'Discover the Dream' in our Kool-Aid exhibit, see if you can spy the answers to the following questions.



I spy a picture of Edwin Perkins (the inventor of Kool-Aid) and his sister, Vesta, inside the general store. They are inside their dad's general store, D. M. Perkin's General Merchandise. Below in the class case, you can see some items people could buy from a general store. What items would you buy?

In the next room, I spy a ride commonly seen at the fair. This ride was in Edwin's basement for his family to enjoy. If you could have any fair ride at your house, which one would you have?

As you continue on in the exhibit, I spy a product named "Nix-O-Tine." This product helped soldiers quit smoking after World War I, and was one of Edwin's first successful inventions. In the case next to this one, you will find some more things Edwin made before Kool-Aid. Which ones are most surprising to you?

Before you leave this area, I spy something called "Fruit Smack." This product eventually became what we know as Kool-Aid. At first, Kool-Aid only came in 6 flavors: cherry, grape, strawberry, lemon-lime, orange, and Edwin's favorite-raspberry. Now there are many flavors of this tasty drink worldwide. What is your favorite flavor?

Continue into the next room where I spy two Kool-Aid signs in green. Don't worry, the first sign is not a typo. When Edwin first made Kool-Aid, it was actually called "Kool-Ade." However, later it was decided by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that if you put the word 'ade' in the name of your product, you are saying real fruit was used in your drink...which Kool-Aid does not have. Why do you think Edwin changed a few letters around instead of completely renaming his product?

In the next room, I spy Bugs Bunny, Barbie, and SpongeBob! All the items you see in this display are called "premiums," or free things you could earn by turning in old Kool-Aid packets. Which toy would you be most excited to get?

Before you leave the exhibit, be sure to check out a few commercials in our Kool-Aid Theater and wave good-bye to the Kool-Aid Man!