You’ll find many strange and smelly foods at this new museum

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Would you eat a fried spider or a bat? How about grasshoppers or smelly fish?

You can find these foods at the Disgusting Food Museum. It opened in Los Angeles, California. The museum's goal is to show unusual foods from around the world. It also is to show what we might eat someday. More than 80 types of food are being shown.

Samuel West started the museum. He said he came up with the idea because of talk about food security. Some people worry that there won't be enough food for everybody. More and more people are born each day. Food security means allowing everyone to get healthy food when they need it.

The show started out in West's home country of Sweden this fall.

West hopes to change people's ideas about food. Maybe the museum can open people up to new foods, he said. He pointed to worms eaten in South Africa. Another example is Nsenene. Those are grasshoppers that people eat as a treat in Uganda. South Africa and Uganda are both African countries.

Some of the foods might be called gross because they stink. That includes shark meat from Iceland. It also includes surstromming, a dish from Sweden that is one of the strongest-smelling foods in the world. It is usually eaten outdoors.

Twinkies And Root Beer Are Shown In The Museum

Surstromming is a kind of fish. It is so smelly that it got a man in Germany kicked out of his apartment building. It is said that the man opened a can of surstromming inside the building. That is why he was kicked out.

Andreas Ahrens works at the show. He said the foods picked have made some people angry. Several countries have felt offended.
The Vegemite from Australia is causing trouble, Ahrens said. Vegemite is a thick, black food spread. It is put on toast. Ahrens said Australians have been angry about it being in the show.

Americans are upset about root beer and Twinkies being included, he said. People from Peru are also unhappy. They do not like that the show has roasted guinea pig, he said. This is a typical dish in Peru.

Ahrens said the show is not about the word "disgusting." It is about getting people to see that we should not judge the foods of other places. Calling it "disgusting" makes it more interesting, he said.

With a boring name, no one would come, he said. "It wouldn't be interesting."

Directions: Use the information found in the article to identify the **best** response for each item.

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| 1. What is Nsenene?  
   A. smelly shark meat  
   B. grasshoppers that people eat as a treat in Uganda  
   C. Twinkies and root beer  
   D. fried tarantula |
| 2. Why was a German man kicked out of his apartment?  
   A. He didn’t pay his rent.  
   B. He opened a can of smelly fish in his apartment.  
   C. He opened a museum for strange and stinky food.  
   D. He ate Vegemite in his apartment. |
| 3. What is the goal of the Disgusting Food Museum?  
   A. to introduce people to the idea of eating tarantulas for extra protein at breakfast  
   B. to show how to cook typically disgusting food to make it more appetizing  
   C. to make people sick thinking about other people eating bugs  
   D. to show unusual foods from around the world and to show food we might eat someday |
| 4. Why are Americans upset about the Disgusting Food Museum?  
   A. Root beer and Twinkies are included in the museum.  
   B. Surstromming is so smelly that it makes Americans sick when they visit the museum.  
   C. Americans don’t want to be forced to eat Vegemite as they enter the museum.  
   D. They think the museum should be outdoors due to the horrible smells. |