

Will a watermelon grow in your tummy if you swallow a seed?



If you swallow a watermelon seed, will a watermelon plant grow inside your tummy?



Why?

1. The answer is no! A seed needs a few special things to grow.

Soft soil to hold its roots. Water to drink. Warm sunshine. Fresh air. And time, about a week just to pop open.

2. Your tummy has none of them.

It is dark in there, with no sunshine at all. There is no soil. And your stomach is full of strong, sour juice that breaks your food into tiny bits.

3. The seed just slides along for the ride.

It wears a hard, slippery coat, so the juice cannot break it open. It zooms through a very long, twisty tube called the intestine, like a slow water slide. It is always moving, so there is no time to grow. After a day or two, it comes out when you go to the bathroom.

Try it! Grow a real sprout

You need: a black watermelon seed, a cup of soil, water, and a sunny window

1. Wash a black seed from your watermelon.
2. Plant it in a cup of soil, and water it.
3. Put it by a sunny window. In a week or two, a little green sprout will say hello!

What happened? In the cup, the seed gets soil, water, sunshine, air and time. That is everything it needs.

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