

Read the text and answer the questions.

Are you wondering where "spill the beans" came from? According to one explanation, people in ancient Greece used beans to vote. They would use white beans to vote in favor of a candidate and black beans or other dark-colored beans to vote against a candidate. These votes were cast in secret, so if someone knocked over a jar of beans, the election would be ruined. If someone did this, they were said to have "spilled the beans".

1) Which of the following is an allusion?

- a) elections in ancient Greece
- b) battlefields in ancient Greece
- c) farmers' markets in ancient Greece

2) People used brown beans to vote in ancient Greece.

- a) true
- b) false
- c) not given

3) What does "spill the beans" mean?

- a) to cause to reveal the election results prematurely
- b) to tell somebody something that should be kept secret or private
- c) to give someone more details about something than needed

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