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#### Hip-hop is the best music to mature cheese – 9th April, 2019

### Level 4

Scientists found a link between music and how cheese matures. A top cheese-maker and researchers from a Swiss university did a six-month test to see how music affects the maturing of cheese. The matured cheese was assessed by the researchers and some cheese experts. They all said that the cheese that was played hip-hop had a stronger aroma and flavor than other samples. They said the hip-hop cheese was the tastiest.

The experiment was called "Cheese in Surround Sound". Sound waves were directed at different cheeses in a non-stop musical loop for six months. The music included classical, rock, hip-hop and techno. A researcher explained that: "Bacteria are responsible for the formation of the taste of cheese [and] influence its maturity....Humidity, temperature or nutrients are not the only things that influence taste....Music can also have physical effects."

#### Level 5

Scientists have found a strange link between music and cheese. Different music genres affect how cheese matures. A top Swiss cheese-maker and researchers from a Swiss university conducted a sixmonth test to look into how music affects the maturation process of cheese. After the cheese matured, it was sampled and assessed by the researchers and a jury of cheese experts. The researchers said cheese that was played hip-hop had a stronger aroma and flavor than other samples. The experts reached the same conclusion, that the hip-hop cheese was the tastiest.

The experiment involved exposing different cheeses to sound waves in a non-stop musical loop for six months. The experiment was called "Cheese in Surround Sound". The music included classical, rock, hiphop and techno. A researcher explained the differences in the taste of the cheese. He said: "Bacteria are responsible for the formation of the taste of cheese, with the enzymes that influence its maturity. I am convinced that humidity, temperature or nutrients are not the only things that influence taste. Sounds, ultrasounds or music can also have physical effects."

## Level 6

Scientists have discovered a bizarre link between music and cheese. Different genres of music affect the way cheese matures. A top Swiss cheese-maker and a team of researchers from Switzerland's Bern University conducted a six-month test to look into the effect music had on the maturation process of Emmental cheese. After the cheese had matured, it was sampled and assessed by the researchers and a jury of culinary cheese experts. The researchers found that cheese that had been played hip-hop had a stronger aroma and flavor than the other samples. The cheese aficionados reached the same conclusion as the researchers - the hip-hop cheese was the tastiest.

The experiment involved exposing different cheeses to a 24-hour, non-stop musical loop. A music player directed sound waves at the cheese for six months. The experiment was titled "Cheese in Surround Sound". The music included Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Led Zeppelins rock classic "Stairway to Heaven," and A Tribe Called Quest's hip-hop tune "Jazz (We've Got)". A researcher explained the differences in taste. He said: "Bacteria is responsible for the formation of the taste of cheese, with the enzymes that influence its maturity. I am convinced that humidity, temperature or nutrients are not the only things that influence taste. Sounds, ultrasounds or music can also have physical effects."