

# MAKE YOUR OWN GUMDROPS



## Materials

- Flavored gelatin powder  
(one teaspoon per child)
- Water
- Paper plates
- Sugar
- Eyedropper

## DIRECTIONS

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1. Pour a teaspoon of gelatin powder on a paper plate.
2. Add drops of water to the powder while you mix it with your finger.
3. When the mixture begins to solidify, roll it into a ball.
4. Next roll the gumdrop in some sugar.
5. Pick it up with your fingers and enjoy!

### Holiday Candy

Holidays are a popular time to eat candy. At right is a chart showing holiday candy sales in 2002.\*

Valentines' Day	\$1,059
Easter	\$1,811
Halloween	\$1,983
Winter Holidays	\$1,431

\*In millions of dollars

Source: National Confectioners Association,  
[www.CandyUSA.com](http://www.CandyUSA.com)

1. Reproduce the chart above for your students on the blackboard.
2. Ask students to translate the numbers into their actual dollar amounts. (Example: since the chart is in millions, they would show that **\$1,059,000,000** worth of candy was sold on Valentine's Day.)

3. Which holiday sells the most candy?
4. Ask students to plan an advertising campaign to promote candy sales for holidays not included in the top four. (Chinese New Year, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Grandparents' Day, Secretaries Day, etc.)

### Questions:

1. Where does sugar come from?
2. What is molasses?
3. What are some non-food uses of sugar?