

Lesson 8

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

Lobster Shells

We know that when we get a whiff of our favorite food, with its tantalizing aroma, our appetite is stimulated. Have you ever considered that your eyes might also affect your appetite?

Let's suppose you are a true gourmand. Let's pretend that you're visiting a new seafood restaurant. You're hungry and eagerly order a broiled lobster for dinner. If the lobster you were served had a royal blue shell, would you want to eat it?

It could happen, but blue-shelled lobsters are rare. Only one lobster in three million is blue. A journalist reported that a royal blue lobster was found in a shipment of fifty live lobsters from Nova Scotia. The restaurateur who discovered it decided to rescue the lobster instead of serving it as a main course. She sent it to a marine scientist on Long Island, New York, who had been researching blue lobsters for thirty years.

Lobster shells also come in other unusual hues. Their shells can be yellow, black, green, or white. The white-shelled lobster is the rarest. Only one of every thirty million lobsters has a white shell.