



Use this dichotomous key and the definitions provided to make choices to classify different types of fleshy fruits.



Definitions

- Berry:** the most common type of fleshy fruit without a stone. The entire outer layer of the ovary wall ripens to be “potentially” edible.
- Core:** the hard or fibrous central part of certain fruits that contains the seeds
- Drupe:** a one-seeded simple fruit that contains a stone or pit
- Hesperidium (type of berry):** a modified berry with a tough, leathery rind and a fleshy interior that is made of separate sections. The peel contains glands that produce fragrant oils (e.g., lemon oil).
- Pepo (type of berry):** A fleshy berry with many seeds and a hard rind
- Pome:** a fleshy fruit having seed chambers (or core) and an outer fleshy part
- Rind:** a thick and firm outer coat or covering
- Stone (or pit):** a hard shell with a seed (kernel) inside

