

# Ripening Bananas

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**What causes a banana to ripen? Here are the factors we were able to brainstorm:**

1. Sunlight
2. Chlorophyll
3. Cut from the living plant – dying
4. Moist environment / dry environment
5. Air temperatures
6. Chemicals / molecules in the surrounding air

**Questions related to our discussion:**

1. How can we speed up the ripening process?
2. Does air or something in the air control the process?
3. What makes a banana ripen?