

Kola kubes

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Kola kubes, also sold as cola cubes, are a boiled sweet of the British sweet shop: small square sweets with a cola flavour, dusted in sugar. Ours are sugar dusted cola cubes, sharp and sweet.

What they are

A kola kube is a cube shaped boiled sweet flavoured like cola and coated in a layer of sugar. They sit alongside other chunky, sugar dusted boiled sweets such as pineapple chunks: see [pineapple chunks](#).

Why the K?

The unusual spelling points back to where cola got its name. The word cola comes from the kola nut, the seed of trees of the genus Cola, which are native to the tropical rainforests of Africa. Kola nuts contain caffeine, and they were used to flavour early soft drinks: a stimulating drink made with kola appeared in the United States around 1880, and the name cola for a whole type of drink comes from this use.

Where cola flavour comes from

Modern cola flavour is a blend rather than a single ingredient. The main flavourings in a cola drink are citrus oils, from orange, lime and lemon peel, together with cinnamon, vanilla and an acidic flavouring, and each maker adds its own trace flavourings, which can include spices such as nutmeg or coriander. Modern cola drinks generally get their caffeine from other sources than the kola nut.

So a kola kube usually tastes of cola because it is flavoured to taste like the drink, rather than because it is made from the nut. The ingredients of any particular sweet will be on its pack or product page.

Cola and the sweet shop

Cola flavour turns up all over the sweet shop. Alongside kola kubes there are cola bottles, the gummy sweets shaped like little bottles, and fizzy cola bottles. We sell kola kubes, cola bottles and fizzy cola bottles in our pick and mix.

For more traditional boiled sweets, see [rhubarb and custard sweets](#) and [pear drops](#), and for how they are made, see [how are boiled sweets made?](#)

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