

Cherry lips

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Cherry lips are small, bright red sweets shaped like a pair of lips, with a cherry flavour. The traditional kind is firmer than an ordinary jelly sweet, and the UK retailer Sweets and Candy describes it as the traditional harder cherry lip, with a scented floral flavour.

What is in them

Cherry Lips, as listed by Sweets and Candy. Modified potato starch, glucose syrup, sugar, beef gelatine, lactic acid, carmine as the colour, flavourings, sunflower oil and carnauba wax as a glaze.

Starch comes first in the list, ahead of the sugar. Starch can set a sweet on its own or alongside gelatine: see [starch jelly sweets explained](#)

Despite the name, the recipe lists no cherry. The flavour comes from flavourings.

Old style and new style

Softer jelly lips are sold too. Kingsway's Juicy Red Lips, as listed by The Candy King, are cherry flavoured jelly lips made with glucose syrup, sugar, water, pork gelatine, maltodextrin, citric acid, flavouring, black carrot concentrate for colour, coconut oil and carnauba wax. The retailer describes them as made with no artificial colours or flavours, and as gluten and dairy free.

So two lip sweets can be quite different: one firm and coloured with carmine, the other soft and coloured with black carrot.

Diet points

- **Gelatine.** The traditional recipe uses beef gelatine and the jelly version pork gelatine, so neither is suitable for vegetarians or vegans, and the pork version is not halal: see [gelatine in sweets explained](#)
- **Carmine.** The traditional recipe's red comes from carmine, made from insects: see [what is carmine?](#)
- **Other allergens.** Sweets and Candy says its sweets are packed where wheat, gluten, soya, milk, peanuts and nuts are handled: see [pick and mix and allergies](#)

For other retro sweets, see [what are retro sweets?](#)

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