

What are the odds?

FINDING A NATURAL PEARL IN AN OYSTER

You've probably heard the stories. A couple sits down for a night at a nice restaurant - they start with a dozen oysters and after chowing down on a few, one of the diners notices something strange.

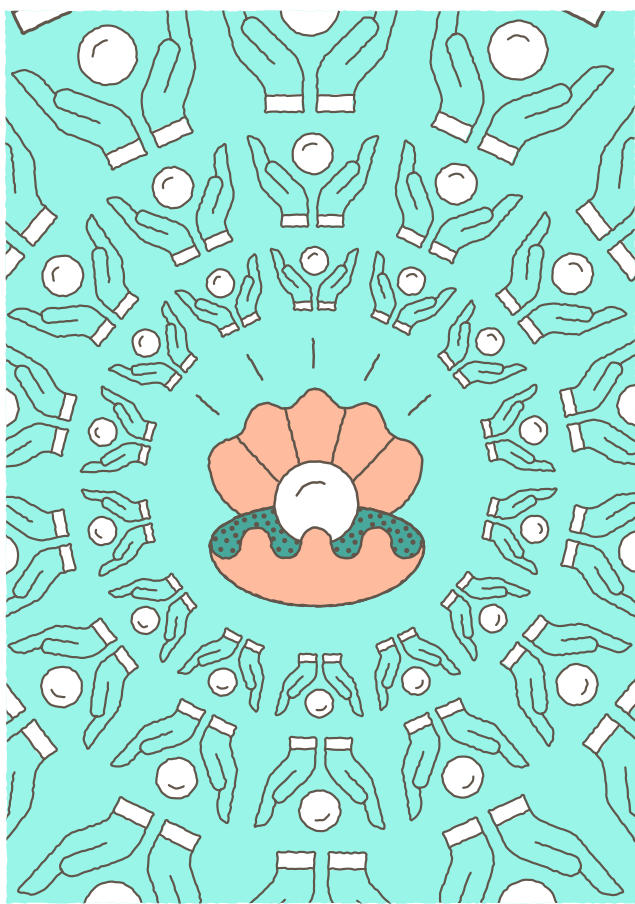
Is it a rock? Their tooth?

Nope, it's a pearl!

These stories always make the news, making them seem like common occurrences. But before you go on a pearl hunt and order dozens and dozens of oysters, consider what the odds of finding a pearl actually are.



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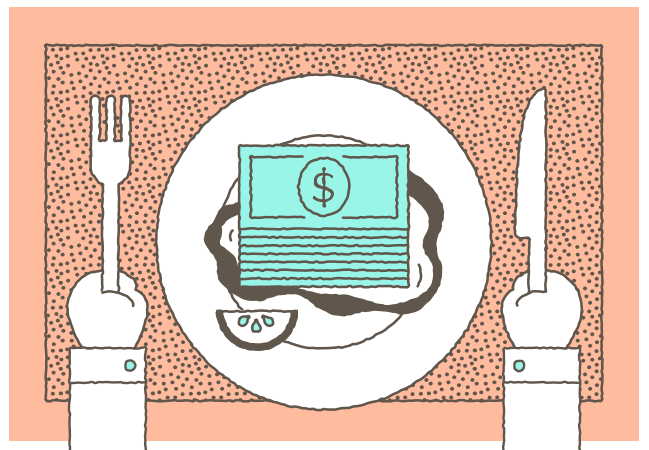


1 in 10,000

The odds of actually finding a natural pearl in an oyster

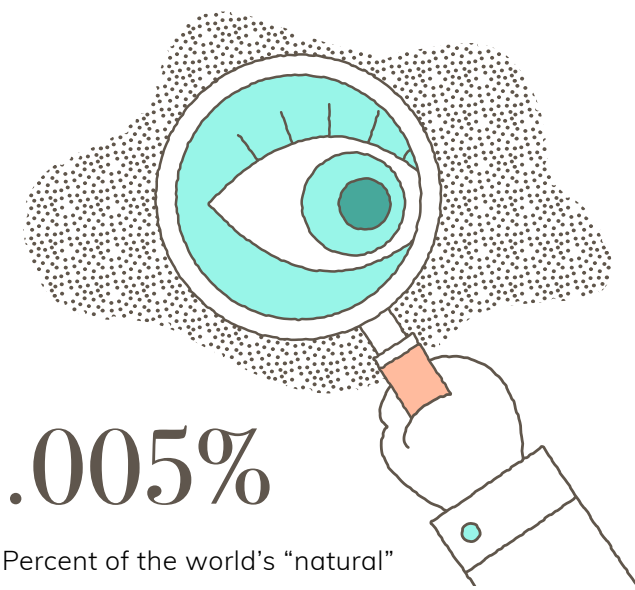
1 in 1 million

The odds of one of those above-mentioned mollusks producing a pearl of gemstone quality



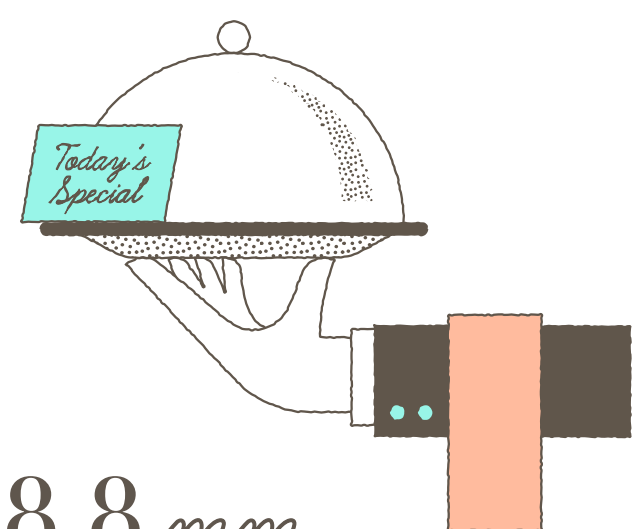
\$200 - \$400

The average appraised value of the pearls diners find on their dinner plates



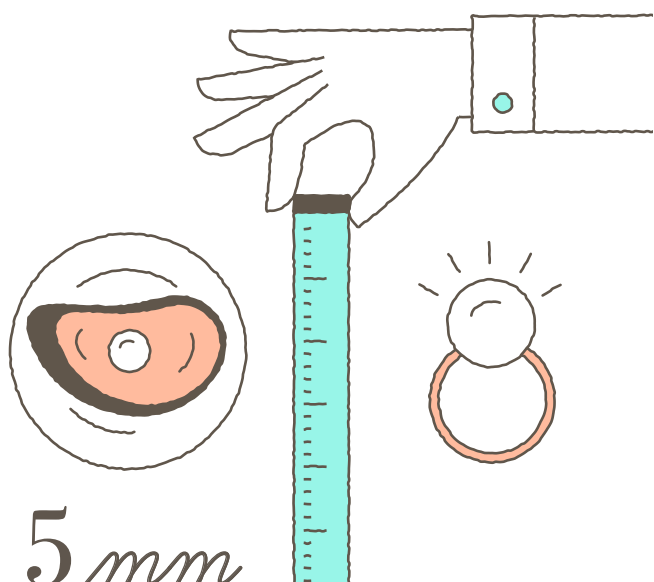
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Percent of the world's "natural" pearls (the rest are cultured)



8.8 mm

The size of a recently found pearl at The Lobster House Restaurant in 2022



5 mm

The average size of pearls diners find on their dinner plates. The average size of a standard jewelry pearl? **7mm**

Two for One special

In December 2018, two different diners at two different restaurants in New York City found a pearl in their oysters within three weeks of each other

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