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Corned beef

Sometimes a dictionary will not give a

satisfying answer to your curiosity about a word or phrase. People who think that corned beef is made with beef and corn are mistaken. The beef is pickled with salt, and the salt used is coarse grained, also known as "corns" of salt. From this process comes the description and food "corned beef".

Poor English: Is corn beef make with real corn?

Standard English: Is corned beef made with real corn?

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