

Facts about pancakes

Adapted from information at <http://projectbritain.com/>

Read the following and provide suitable words in the gaps.



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the _____ of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40 day period leading up to Easter.

In Britain many years ago, pancakes _____ traditionally made between the ringing of a curfew bell in the morning of Shrove Tuesday and it ringing again that evening. Cooks _____ that time to use up all the eggs and milk as these would not be eaten during Lent.

Until the early 1900s Shrove Tuesday _____ a half-day holiday and the Shriving Bell was rung at eleven o'clock in the _____ to remind people that the holiday _____ began. It became known in some parts as the Pancake Bell and it is still rung today even though the day is no longer a holiday. According to tradition, in 1445 a woman of Olney heard the shriving bell while she was _____ pancakes and ran to the church in her apron, still clutching her frying pan.

Pancake races _____ held all over England. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first whilst flipping a pancake in a _____ pan. The Olney pancake race is now world famous. Competitors have to be local housewives and they _____ to wear an apron and a hat or scarf. Each contestant has a frying pan containing a hot, cooking pancake. She must toss it three times during the race that starts at the market square at 11.55 am. The first woman to complete the winding 375-metre course (the record is 63 seconds set in 1967) and arrive at the church, serve her pancake to the bell ringer, and be kissed by him, is the winner.

The world's biggest _____ was cooked in Rochdale in 1994; it was an amazing 15 metres in diameter, _____ three tonnes and had an estimated of two million calories.

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Read the text about pancakes then answer the following;

- 1) Where is the most famous pancake race held?

- 2) What is Shrove Tuesday?

- 3) What must be worn at the famous race and who can take part?

- 4) What two ingredients mentioned would not be used during Lent?

- 5) The biggest Pancake weighed?

- 6) What time was the shriving bell rung?

- 7) Why was the bell rung?

- 8) In what year did the first woman complete the 375m course?

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Complete the chart below.

Singular	Plural
activity	
calorie	
strawberry	
	housewives
scarf	

Homophones

(words that sound the same but mean different things)

Write the following homophones for these words.

made _____

which _____

would _____

morning _____

some _____

heard _____

wear _____

course _____

metre _____

flour _____

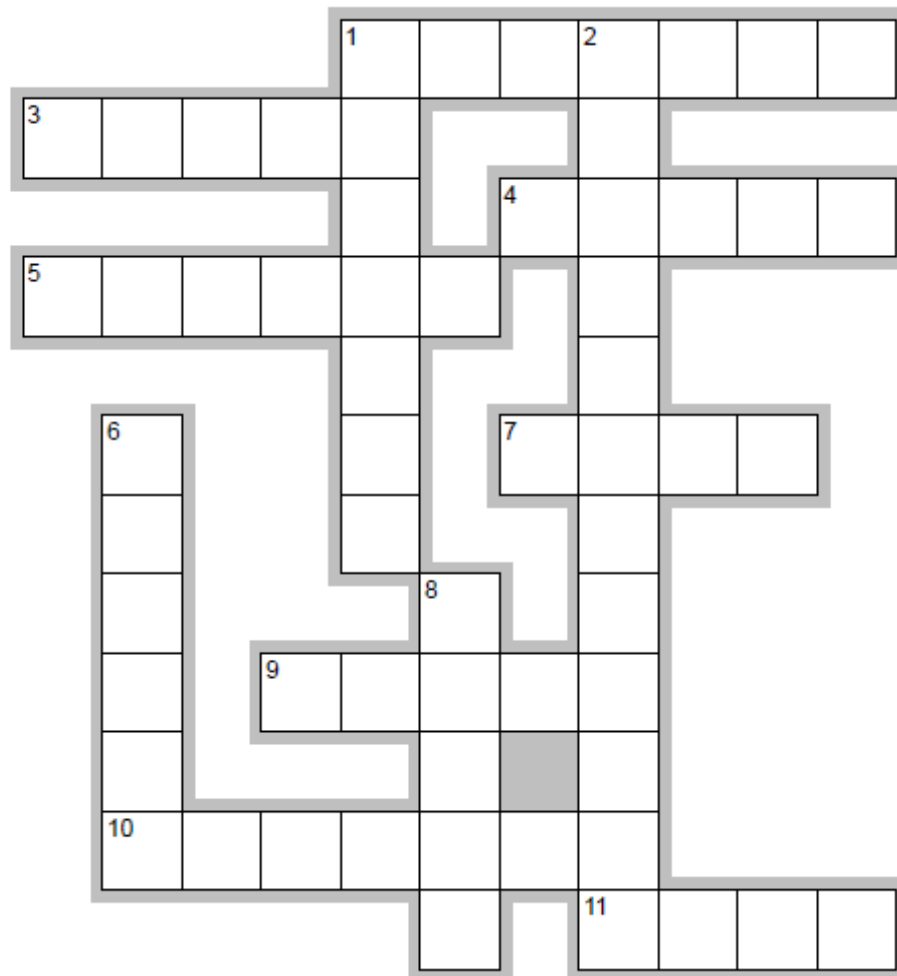
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Making Pancakes



Across

1. The flour, milk and eggs do this when mixed.
3. To sample the flavour.
4. A French pancake.
5. There are sixty seconds in one of these.
7. The cook.
9. Finely ground powder.
10. Something sweet enjoyed after a main meal.
11. Eating these raw can give you Salmonella.

Down

1. The roughness or smoothness.
2. Ingredient that gives the body energy.
6. Milk is one of these.
8. Sweet food made from nectar and flowers

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ANSWERS

Suitable words (others may be possible)

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Start or beginning | 7. making or cooking |
| 2. were | 8. are |
| 3. had | 9. frying |
| 4. was | 10. have |
| 5. morning | 11. pancake |
| 6. had | 12. weighed |

Questions

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| 1. Olney | 6. 11am |
| 2. feast day before the start of Lent | 7. To remind people that the holiday had begun |
| 3. Apron, hat or scarf, housewives only | 8. 1967 |
| 4. Eggs and milk | |
| 5. Three tonnes | |

Complete the table

activities, calories, strawberries, housewife, scarves

Homophones

maid, witch, wood, mourning, sum, herd, ware, coarse, meter, flower

Crossword

The crossword puzzle is also available on [skillsworkshop.org](http://www.skillsworkshop.org) as an ecw (Eclipse) file. This enables editing, conversion to an interactive web based crossword, etc. (You will need to download the free software from <http://www.eclipsecrossword.com/>).

Across

1. THICKEN — The flour, milk and eggs do this when mixed.
3. TASTE — To sample the flavour.
4. CREPE — A French pancake.
5. MINUTE — There are sixty seconds in one of these.
7. CHEF — The cook.
9. FLOUR — Finely ground powder.
10. DESSERT — Something sweet enjoyed after a main meal.
11. EGGS — Eating these raw can give you Salmonella.

Down

1. TEXTURE — The roughness or smoothness.
2. CARBOHYDRATE — Ingredient that gives the body energy.
6. LIQUID — Milk is one of these.
8. HONEY — Sweet food made from nectar and flowers.