

Shrove Tuesday: Functional English reading tasks

Name _____ Date _____

Text A

Pancake day in London: where to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Here are the best ways to celebrate the day in London, whether you're feeling competitive, adventurous or just a little greedy.

Eat



Build your own

Christopher's in Covent Garden is getting the party started early and giving weekend diners the chance to build their own pancakes on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 Feb. Choose from a base of buttermilk, buckwheat or blueberry-buttermilk pancakes, with a choice of toppings including maple-cured bacon, homemade Nutella and mixed berries.

£1 stack

Yes, that's how much a stack of pancakes will cost you at **Bunga Bunga** in Battersea on Shrove Tuesday. Pancake day also happens to be National Pizza Day, so pizzas will be exactly the same price.

Go savoury

Sweet pancakes are available in abundance, but savoury ones can be harder to come by. At **Ask For Janice** in Farringdon, options include Brixham chilli crab, ham hock and cider apple, and black pudding with a fried duck egg.

Go adventurous

Shotgun BBQ in Soho is offering a different kind of Pancake Day special — sour pancakes served with pig's ear.

Compete

Branches of **The Breakfast Club** across town will be hosting their annual pancake challenge on Shrove Tuesday. To be a winner all you have to do is eat a stack of 12 pancakes in 12 minutes or less (and brave the inevitable queues to do so). If you manage, your pancakes are free. If you don't, you pay full price but the money all goes to charity.



Pancake challenge: Could you manage this in 12 mins?

Race



Flipping fast:

The Great Spitalfields Pancake Race

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A fancy dress fundraiser for a very good cause: London Air Ambulance. It starts at Old Truman Brewery at 12.30pm.

Parliamentary Pancake Race

Your chance to watch MPs, Lords and members of the political press taking part in a charity pancake race around Westminster.

Better Bankside Pancake Day Race

Local businesses will compete in teams at this race around Borough Market. Spectators can enjoy live music and pancakes cooked up by the market's regular stalls.

Greenwich Market Flippin' Good Fun Pancake Race

Belatedly held on Saturday February 13, this race will see teams compete to be crowned pancake kings and queens from noon onwards. There'll also be a special Valentine's race for couples.

Adapted from an article in the London Evening Standard, Feb 2016, by Ben Norum (Follow on Twitter @BenNorum)

<http://www.standard.co.uk/goingout/restaurants/pancake-day-in-london-where-to-celebrate-shrove-tuesday-a3174021.html>

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Read Text A and answer questions 1-12

1. Look up the words **abundance** and **belated** in your dictionary and write down what they mean.

(2 marks)

2. The **main** purpose of text A is to:

A	tell you where you can eat pancakes in London.	
B	encourage you to give to charity.	
C	persuade you to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.	
D	inform you about Pancake Day celebrations in London.	

Tick ✓ the correct box. (1 mark)

3. According to Text A, what type of pancake is widely available?

A	Savoury	
B	Buttermilk	
C	Sweet	
D	Mixed berry	

Tick ✓ the correct box. (1 mark)

4. According to Text A, which statement is true if you eat 12 pancakes in 12 minutes or less?

A	You pay the full price but it all goes to charity.	
B	You pay nothing.	
C	You pay just £1 per stack of 12.	
D	You miss the queue to pay.	

Tick ✓ the correct box. (1 mark)

5. Write the correct place name next to each restaurant. One has been done for you.

Christopher's

Bunga Bunga

Battersea

Ask for Janice

Shotgun BBQ

(3 marks)

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6. List two pancake **races** that raise money for charity.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(2 marks)

7. Which team event features music?

(1 mark)

8. One event is raising money for the London Air Ambulance. What time does it start?

(1 mark)

9. Name two events that take place before or after Pancake Day.

(Before Pancake Day) _____

(After Pancake day) _____

(2 marks)

10. List the names in alphabetical order:

Soho, Battersea, Farringdon, Covent Garden, Borough, Bankside, Greenwich, Westminster.

(2 marks)

11. Using the text, give one reason why **you would** attend an event and one reason why **you would not**.

(2 marks)

12. The text is organised into three main sections. What are they and what feature(s) are used to do this?

(2 marks)

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Entry Level 3 Functional Skills English mapping

Entry Level 3 Speaking, Listening and Communication skill standard: Respond appropriately to others and make some extended contributions in familiar formal and informal discussions and exchanges

- a) Follow the main points of discussions
- b) Use techniques to clarify and confirm understanding
- c) Give own point of view and respond appropriately to others' point of view
- d) Use appropriate language in formal discussions/exchanges
- e) Make relevant contributions, allowing for and responding to others' input

Entry Level 3 Writing skill standard: Write texts with some adaptation to the intended audience

- a) Plan, draft and organise writing
- b) Sequence writing logically and clearly
- c) Use basic grammar including appropriate verb-tense and subject-verb agreement
- d) Check work for accuracy, including spelling

Entry Level 3 Reading skill standard: Read and understand the purpose and content of straightforward texts that explain, inform and recount information

- a) Understand the main points of texts ✓ (Q2, 12)
- b) Obtain specific information through detailed reading ✓ (Q3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- c) Use organisational features to locate information ✓ (Q5, 12)
- d) Read and understand texts in different formats using strategies and techniques appropriate to task ✓ (Q1, 10, 11)

Answers

Question	Max marks
1. Look up the words abundance and belated in your dictionary and write down what they mean. Abundance – plentiful, large amount/quantity. Belated – late, too late. (Or as found in learner's dictionary) 1 mark for each correct definition.	1 1
2. The main purpose of text A is to: D inform you about Pancake Day celebrations in London. 1 mark	1
3. What type of pancake is widely available? C Sweet. 1 mark	1
4. Which one of these statements is true if you eat 12 pancakes in 12 minutes or less? B You pay nothing. 1 mark	1
5. Write the correct place name next to each restaurant Christopher's - Covent Garden. Ask for Janice - Farringdon. Shotgun BBQ – Soho. 3 marks	1 1 1
6. List two pancake aces that raise money for charities or good causes. (a) Great Spitalfields Pancake Race (b) Parliamentary Pan cake race. 2 marks. Do not accept The Breakfast Club event as that is not a race.	1 1
7. Which team event features music? Better Bankside Pancake Day Race. 1 mark	1
8. An event is raising money for London Air Ambulance. What time does it start? 12.30pm 1 mark	1
9. Name two events that take place before or after Pancake Day. (Before Pancake Day) Build your own pancakes at St Christopher's. 1 mark (After Pancake day) Greenwich Market Flippin' Good Fun Pancake Race. 1 mark	1 1
10. List the names in alphabetical order: 1 mark for the three "B" words all in correct order. 1 mark for remaining words in correct order. Bankside, Battersea, Borough, Covent Garden, Farringdon, Greenwich, Soho, Westminster.	1 1
11. Using the text, give one reason why you would attend an event and one reason why you would not . – Learner's own reasons but their decision/reasons must be based on information in the text. E.g. I have a very tight budget so I would go to Bunga Bunga. I don't like savoury pancakes I wouldn't go to Farringdon. 1 mark for each.	1 1
12. The text is organised into three main sections. What are they and what feature(s) are used to do this? Eat, Compete, Race. 1 Mark. Accept any of: Headings / Sub headings / Bold text / Enlarged text. Max 1 mark.	1 1
Total marks	/ 20

If used as a practice assessment, a pass mark of 14 / 20 is suggested.