

PANCAKE DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Pancake Day is a favorite of children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they get to eat as many pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugar, or strawberry sauce. It is also called Shrove Tuesday. This is a religious holiday on the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, people used to fast and eat only the simplest of food. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to be thrown away. Instead of wasting food, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a mini celebration and people topped their pancakes with delicious things they could not eat for another 40 days. Few people nowadays fast for 40 days.

Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well known in the United States. Americans are more familiar with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and is a very similar celebration. Different countries hold different events for Pancake Day. In England, some towns have pancake races. People must run a race with a frying pan and toss the pancakes as they run. The winner is the first person to cross the finishing line with a pancake that is still intact. Children like to have a go at tossing the hot pancakes out of the frying pan in their kitchens. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a coin in the pancakes. The person who finds the coin will be rich and the person who finds the ring will be the next to get married.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Pancake Day is a favorite of | <i>a.</i> syrup |
| 2. they get to eat as many pancakes | <i>b.</i> make pancakes |
| 3. smothered with | <i>c.</i> with delicious things |
| 4. fast and eat only the | <i>d.</i> children in the UK |
| 5. ingredients to | <i>e.</i> simplest of food |
| 6. people topped their pancakes | <i>f.</i> as they want |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Americans are more familiar | <i>a.</i> different events |
| 2. a very similar | <i>b.</i> tossing the hot pancakes |
| 3. Different countries hold | <i>c.</i> will be rich |
| 4. The winner is the first person to | <i>d.</i> with Mardi Gras |
| 5. Children like to have a go at | <i>e.</i> cross the finishing line |
| 6. The person who finds the coin | <i>f.</i> celebration |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Pancake Day _____ children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they _____ pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugar, or strawberry sauce. It is also called Shrove Tuesday. This is a religious holiday _____ Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, people used to fast and eat only the _____. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to be thrown away. Instead of _____, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a mini celebration and people topped their pancakes with delicious things they could not eat for another 40 days. Few people _____ for 40 days.

Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day _____ known in the United States. Americans are more familiar with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and _____ celebration. Different countries hold different events for Pancake Day. In England, some towns have pancake races. People _____ with a frying pan and toss the pancakes as they run. The winner is the first person to cross the finishing line with a pancake _____. Children like to have a go at tossing the hot pancakes _____ pan in their kitchens. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a coin in the pancakes. The person who finds the coin will be rich and the person who finds the ring _____ to get married.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Pancake Day is a _____ of children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they get to eat as _____ pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugar, or strawberry sauce. It is also _____ Shrove Tuesday. This is a religious holiday on the day before Ash Wednesday, the _____ of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, people used to fast and eat only the simplest of food. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to be _____ away. Instead of _____ food, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a mini celebration and people _____ their pancakes with delicious things they could not eat for another 40 days. Few people nowadays _____ for 40 days. Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well known in the United States.

Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well _____ in the United States. Americans are more _____ with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and is a very similar celebration. Different countries _____ different events for Pancake Day. In England, some towns have pancake races. People must run a race with a frying pan and toss the pancakes as they _____. The winner is the first person to cross the finishing line with a pancake that is still intact. Children like to have a _____ at tossing the hot pancakes out of the frying pan in their _____. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a _____ in the pancakes. The person who finds the coin will be rich and the person who finds the ring will be the _____ to get married.

*thrown**start**topped**many**fast**favorite**wasting**called**go**coin**run**kitchens**known**next**familiar**hold*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Pancake Day is a favored / favorite of children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they get to eat as many / much pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugary / sugar, or strawberry sauce. It is also called Shrove Tuesday. This is a religious holiday on / in the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, people used to speed / fast and eat only the simplest of food. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to be thrown away. Instead they / of wasting food, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a mini / nano celebration and people topped their pancakes with delicious things they could not eat for another 40 days. Few / Two people nowadays fast for 40 days.

Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well known / knowing in the United States. Americans are more familiarity / familiar with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and is a too / very similar celebration. Different countries hold different events for Pancake Day. In England, some / sum towns have pancake races. People must run a race with a frying pan and toss the pancakes was / as they run. The winner is the first person to cross the finishing line with a pancake that is still intact. Children like to have a do / go at tossing the hot pancakes out of the frying pan in their kitchens. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a coin in the pancakes. The person who finds the coin / ring will be rich and the person who finds the coin / ring will be the next to get married.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Pancake Day is a (1) _____ of children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they get to eat as (2) _____ pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugar, or strawberry sauce. It is also called Shrove Tuesday. This is a (3) _____ holiday on the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, people used to (4) _____ and eat only the simplest of food. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to be thrown away. Instead of (5) _____ food, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a mini celebration and people (6) _____ their pancakes with delicious things they could not eat for another 40 days. Few people nowadays fast for 40 days.

Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well (7) _____ in the United States. Americans are more familiar with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and is a very (8) _____ celebration. Different countries hold different events for Pancake Day. In England, some towns have pancake races. People must run a race with a frying pan and toss the pancakes as they (9) _____. The winner is the first person to (10) _____ the finishing line with a pancake that is still intact. Children like to have a (11) _____ at tossing the hot pancakes out of the frying pan in their kitchens. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a coin in the pancakes. The person who finds the coin will be rich and the person who finds the ring will be the (12) _____ to get married.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) favorite | (b) favored | (c) favoring | (d) favor |
| 2. | (a) much | (b) most | (c) many | (d) more |
| 3. | (a) religion | (b) religious | (c) religiously | (d) religions |
| 4. | (a) speed | (b) quick | (c) fast | (d) hurry |
| 5. | (a) wasting | (b) wasted | (c) waste of | (d) wastes |
| 6. | (a) topping | (b) tops | (c) top dog | (d) topped |
| 7. | (a) known | (b) knower | (c) knowing | (d) knows |
| 8. | (a) similarity | (b) simile | (c) simulation | (d) similar |
| 9. | (a) running | (b) run | (c) runner | (d) ran |
| 10. | (a) follow | (b) cross | (c) cook | (d) eat |
| 11. | (a) go | (b) do | (c) ho | (d) so |
| 12. | (a) after | (b) ahead | (c) next | (d) then |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a favorite of echlnrdi
2. all smothered with purys
3. only the simsplet of food
4. Instead of antgwis food
5. people pdepot their pancakes
6. Few people awasoynd fast

Paragraph 2

7. not so well okwnn
8. more failirma
9. different evsten
10. a pancake that is still aticnt
11. grfiyn pan
12. the next to get riedarm

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are not so well known in the United States. Americans are more familiar
- () race with a frying pan and toss the pancakes as they run. The winner is the first person to cross the finishing
- () be thrown away. Instead of wasting food, people traditionally used these ingredients to make pancakes. It became a
- (**1**) Pancake Day is a favorite of children in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It is on this day they get
- () the 40 days of Lent, people used to fast and eat only the simplest of food. Things like eggs, milk and sugar had to
- () with Mardi Gras, which is also on the day before Ash Wednesday and is a very similar celebration. Different countries
- () eat for another 40 days. Few people nowadays fast for 40 days.
- () the coin will be rich and the person who finds the ring will be the next to get married.
- () their kitchens. In Newfoundland, Canada, the cook puts a ring or a coin in the pancakes. The person who finds
- () sauce. It is also called Shrove Tuesday. This is a religious holiday on the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. During
- () line with a pancake that is still intact. Children like to have a go at tossing the hot pancakes out of the frying pan in
- () to eat as many pancakes as they want – all smothered with syrup, or lemon and sugar, or strawberry
- () mini celebration and people topped their pancakes with delicious things they could not
- () hold different events for Pancake Day. In England, some towns have pancake races. People must run a

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. in Pancake a children UK is of the Day favorite

2. as as they eat pancakes want to many they get

3. fast and eat only the simplest of food people used to

4. people their with things topped pancakes delicious

5. 40 Few nowadays for days people fast

6. Americans more with Gras are familiar Mardi

7. race People with must a run frying a pan

8. the cross to person first the line finishing

9. to have a go at tossing the hot pancakes Children like

10. the The coin person will who be finds rich

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE PANCAKE DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Pancake Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Pancake Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Pancake Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Pancake Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.