Do the preparation task first. Then read the text about Pancake Day and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1. a race  a. a metal container for cooking food in
2. a pan  b. the basic foods that are mixed together to make a dish
3. a recipe  c. a running competition to see who is the fastest
4. ingredients  d. funny clothes that you wear to a party
5. smooth  e. instructions that tell you how to make some food
6. a fancy dress costume  f. perfectly regular; without any lumps

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. Pancake Day is celebrated in ...
   a. the UK and Ireland only.
   b. many countries around the world.
   c. English-speaking countries only.

2. Another name for Pancake Day is ...
   a. Mardi Gras.
   b. Lent.
   c. Easter Sunday.

3. Traditionally, Lent is a period of 40 days when people ...
   a. eat a lot of pancakes.
   b. eat rich foods like butter and eggs.
   c. don’t eat rich food or food that is bad for you.

4. Easter Sunday is always ...
   a. on the same day every year.
   b. in spring.
   c. on a day with a full moon.

5. In a pancake race everyone ...
   a. throws and catches a pancake in a pan.
   b. wears a fancy dress costume.
   c. eats pancakes before the race.
6. Before you cook the pancake, mix ...
   a. milk, butter and sugar.
   b. milk, flour and an egg.
   c. milk, butter and an egg.

7. Cook the pancake for ...
   a. 10-15 minutes.
   b. 3-4 minutes.
   c. 1-2 minutes.

8. The 'classic' pancake topping is ...
   a. sugar and lemon juice.
   b. sugar and chocolate.
   c. lemon juice and salt.

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

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1. _____________ one cup with flour and put it into a bowl.
2. Fill another cup with milk and _____________ it into the bowl.
3. _____________ the egg into the bowl.
4. _____________ the flour, milk and egg until the mixture is smooth.
5. Put some mixture in the pan and _____________ the pan to make a thin pancake.
6. After one minute, hold the pan carefully and _____________ the pancake in the air to turn it over.
7. When the pancake is ready, _____________ some lemon juice and put some sugar on it.
8. _____________ it immediately.
3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Write one word to fill each gap.

1. Pancake Day is a special day celebrated _____ many countries around the world.
2. In countries like Spain, Italy or Brazil, Shrove Tuesday is _____ the end of Carnival.
3. Pancake Day is always _____ a Tuesday _____ February or March.
4. Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter when people often give _____ things that are bad for them.
5. In some pancake races people dress _____ in fancy costumes.
6. At the end _____ Lent is Easter.
7. Easter takes place on a different date each year because it depends _____ the moon.
8. Pancakes are very easy _____ make.

Discussion

Do you like pancakes? What's your favourite topping?