

SHROVE TUESDAY FUN FACTS: ANSWERS



1) Roughly how many eggs are used in the UK on Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day?

It's estimated that around 52 million eggs are used in the UK alone on Pancake Day!

2) On average, how many pancakes does each person in the UK eat on this day?

On average, people in the UK eat 2 pancakes each on Pancake Day: that means roughly 117 million pancakes are eaten on that day!

3) The largest ever pancake in the world was created in 1994, weighing 3,000 kilograms. In which country was it made and how was it flipped?

The largest ever pancake was made in Rochdale, England, and it was flipped using a crane.

4) In Spain, what is Shrove Tuesday usually known as or for?

In Spain, Shrove Tuesday is known as "Omelette Day," and the traditional food is an omelette made with sausage or pork fat.

5) What is the record for the largest number of people tossing a pancake at the same time?

The largest number of people recorded tossing a pancake at the same time was 890 people, in Sheffield in 2012.

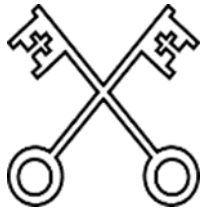
6 a) What are malasardas (**mal-a-sard-as**)?

b) Name one of the countries in which they are eaten.

a) Malasadas are doughnut-like, sugar-coated confections.

b) They are eaten in Madeira, Portugal and Hawaii.





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7) In the tallest stack of pancakes ever recorded, roughly how many pancakes were in the stack?

The tallest stack of pancakes ever recorded was over 1 metre, with **over 200 pancakes** balanced on top of each other.

8 a) What is the name for Shrove Tuesday in French-speaking (and some other) countries?

b) What is the English translation for this name?

a) In some countries, Shrove Tuesday is known as “Mardi Gras”.

b) “Mardi Gras” means “Fat Tuesday” in French.

9) What is the record for the highest number of pancake flips in one minute?

The record for the most tosses of a pancake in one minute belongs to Australian celebrity chef, Brad Jolly. He did an unbeaten **140 flips** in Sydney in 2012.

10) What is Shrove Tuesday known as in Iceland (the English translation!)?

In Iceland Shrove Tuesday is called “Sprengidagur” (Spreng-i-dag-oor) – which means **Bursting or Exploding Day!**

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