

Pancake Day Quiz

1. The date of Pancake Day is:
 - a. Always on 16th February (or whatever date Pancake day falls on this year)
 - b. 47 days before Easter Sunday
 - c. 40 days after Christmas Day

2. The time between Pancake Day and Easter is called:
 - a. Pentecost
 - b. Advent
 - c. Lent

3. What are Pancakes made of? Yes/No answers
Milk
Sugar
Eggs
Butter
Cheese
Flour
Cinnamon

4. In England, one tradition on pancake day is to:
 - a. Have a competition to see who can eat the most pancakes
 - b. Have a competition to see who can toss their pancake the highest
 - c. Have a race where people have to carry a frying pan and toss pancakes as they run

5. The day after Pancake Day is known as:
 - a. Shrove Wednesday
 - b. Ash Wednesday
 - c. Pizza Wednesday

Answers

1. b (It is 47 days, or 40 fasting days... Sundays aren't days of fast)
2. c
The origin of Lent was a time of preparation for Easter Day. Some Christians spend time in Lent praying and thinking about what God did at Easter – sending Jesus to die and rise again so that we could be made right with God.
To help them prepare they sometimes fast or eat more simple food. Traditionally Pancake Day was a way to eat up the rich ingredients that wouldn't be eaten during Lent.
3. Not cheese and cinnamon.
4. c
This tradition apparently dates back to 1445.
5. b
Ash Wednesday was the first day of the 40 day fasting period. Ashes symbolise repentance, turning away from living for ourselves and turning towards God to live for him.