

THE COOKIE BAKING GAME

BAKE WITH FRIENDS!

COMPETE FOR INGREDIENTS!

CREATE NEW FLAVOUR COMBINATIONS!

EAT DELICIOUS (HORRIBLE?) COOKIES!

TRY TO AVOID DOING THE DISHES!



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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Cookie Baking Game where you'll make real cookies with friends that you can actually eat, not some sort of virtual or theoretical cookies (which, by the way, don't taste very nice at all).

In the following pages you should find all of the information you need to host a successful cookie baking game. And (here's the good news) as host you can be one of the participants as well!

The game works best for 4-6 players, but you can have more or less as well. The limit is mostly due to logistics surrounding oven space.

Before the game begins you'll need to do some preparation to buy the ingredients and set up the baking area. There are 6 rounds of this game and it is expected to take somewhere between 2-3 hours, depending on how many participants you have and how large your oven space is. The rounds are:

1. A taste challenge to warm everyone up to the flavours and options they'll be using in the main game.
2. Batter making, where the base ingredients are put together and the core flavouring is added to the base ingredients.
3. Choosing chunks, where people fight (with wooden spoons and lemons) to get the chunks they want.
4. Baking preparation, where everyone gets their cookies ready to go in the oven
5. Bake & Shake, where players take it in turns to bake their cookies and everyone gets asked trivia questions
6. Eat, drink & clean, where you get to eat the cookies, sit around drinking with your friends and someone has to clean up the mess.

If these instructions don't work out for you, feel free to get in contact with me via email (jenn@jennsand.com).

Good luck with everything & may the cookies be with you.

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PREPARATION

As the host you will need to do some set up before the party and on the day of the party.

- Send invites to friends, use the attached jpg with your information filled in. [Note: If you don't want to buy all the ingredients yourself, allocate out some of the flavour or chunks options and get your friends to bring the ingredients.]
- Confirm you have all the tools/basic to support everything:
 - 3 baking trays/sheets minimum, more is better
 - Baking paper
 - Cake racks/cooling racks
 - Cup measures
 - Set of scales
 - Paper cups or bowls to put options in.
 - Bowls to mix batter in (you can ask guests to bring this).
 - Wooden spoons: you will need 2 per player, if possible. Basically get as many spoons as you can.
- Decide which options you will support. You can choose to duplicate options so that more than one person can have the same flavour or chunks.
- Use the shopping list calculator to work out what you need to buy. And then actually go out and buy everything on the list.
- Buy tokens to represent points. Individually wrapped lollies are most suitable for this.
- Print out:
 - Instructions
 - Labels for options available, both flavours and chunks.
 - Lemon Joust Club Rules
 - A set of trivia questions.
 - Batter making instructions, 1 per player
- Download a free random number generator app for your phone that works based on shaking to get the next number. Set it up so that it finds a number from 1-50 inclusively. This will be used for the trivia stage.
- On the day:
 - Weigh and prepare the flavour and chunks options for players.
 - Set up a station/area for each participant with the basic ingredients weighed out. Make sure that the butter is soft, i.e. at room temperature.
 - Note: If you don't want to weigh everything up before people turn up, you can just ask them to weigh things themselves.

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SHOPPING LIST

- Per person participating in the game:
 - 125g or 4oz or 1 US stick butter, softened
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (140g or 5oz) brown sugar OR (150g or 5 & $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) caster (superfine) sugar OR half/half mix. This is your choice depending on the type of cookies you want to bake.
 - 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 - 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ cups (200g or 7oz) flour
 - 1 lemon (for joust club)
- Flavours: There does not need to be a flavour for every player, but there shouldn't be more options than there are players. You can duplicate flavours so that there are less options. Buy as many or as few as these as you want:
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (65g or 2oz) honey
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (30g or 1oz) cocoa powder AND $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (125g or 4oz) peanut butter
 - 2 tablespoons golden syrup/molasses
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ cup (180g or 4oz) golden syrup/molasses AND 2 teaspoons ground ginger
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg AND $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon AND $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (120g or 4oz) maple syrup AND 2 teaspoons mixed spice
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (125g or 4oz) dark chocolate chips AND $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (30g or 1oz) cocoa powder
- Chunks: Not every player needs to have a chunks option, however some players may want more than one chunks option. It is recommended that you have at least as many options as there are players. Buy as many or as few as these options:
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (50g or 2oz) sultanas or raisins
 - 1 cup (125g or 4oz) rolled oats
 - 1 cup (100g or 4oz) chopped macadamia nuts
 - 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (250g or 9oz) chopped white chocolate
 - 1 tablespoon cinnamon AND 1 tablespoon caster sugar (for rolling)
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (50g or 2oz) chocolate chips
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (50g or 2oz) chocolate chips [Yes, this is intentionally in twice since people like chocolate & 2 participants might want to use it or on might combine amounts]
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (125g or 4 & $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) chocolate chips
 - 1 cup (90g or 3oz) coconut
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (125g or 4 & $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) butter toffee peanuts or toffee brittle chunks.
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated orange peel
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (95g or 4oz) shredded carrots
 - $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (50g or 2oz) chopped walnuts
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (100g or 4oz) peanut butter chips
- Extra flour, milk, eggs, in case batter needs to be adjusted.
- Approximately 110 Individually wrapped lollies/sweets/candies for winning tokens.
- Drinks that go well with cookies. This could be milk or bubbly or Mai Tais, it's up to you.

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FLAVOUR OPTIONS

For the host: choose no more than one per player. Duplicates are allowed if you want. Print out this list, cut up the list and place each tile with the actual ingredients so players can easily read their options.

OPTION: HONEY ¼ cup (65g 2oz) honey	OPTION: NUTMEG ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
OPTION: CHOCO-SPICE ¼ cup cocoa powder ½ teaspoon nutmeg	OPTION: Peanut Butter ½ cup (125g or 4 & ½oz) peanut butter
OPTION: GOLDEN SYRUP 2 tablespoons golden syrup/molasses	OPTION: GINGERBREADY 2/3 cup golden syrup/molasses 2 teaspoons ground ginger
OPTION: SPICE-FUL ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ¼ teaspoon ground ginger	OPTION: MAPLE SYRUP ½ cup maple syrup 2 teaspoons mixed spice
OPTION: CHOCOLATE ¾ cup (125g or 4 oz) dark chocolate chips, melted ¼ cup (30g or 1oz) cocoa powder	

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CHUNKS OPTIONS

To the host: choose as many or as few of these as you would like. Duplicates are allowed. You can also add in your own flavours as well if you would like. Print out this list, cut up the list and place each tile with the actual ingredients so players can easily read their options.

1/3 cup (50g or 2 oz) sultana/raisins	1 cup (125g or 4oz) rolled oats
1 cup (100g or 4oz) chopped macadamia nuts	1 & ½ cups (250g or 9oz) chopped white chocolate
1 tablespoon cinnamon AND 1 tablespoon caster sugar (only for thick dough, mix used for rolling in)	1/3 cup (50g or 2oz) chocolate chips
1/3 cup (50g or 2oz) chocolate chips	2/3 cup (100g or 4oz) chocolate chips
1 cup (90g or 3oz) coconut	¾ cup (125g or 4 & ½oz) butter toffee peanuts or toffee brittle chunks
½ teaspoon grated orange peel	¾ cup (95g or 2oz) shredded carrots
1/3 cup (50g or 2oz) chopped walnuts	1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
¾ cup (100g or 4oz) peanut butter chips	

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LET THE GAME BEGIN!

Once all players have arrived and settled in, the baking will begin! Although if there's a player you don't really like who's late, get started without them and watch them panic come last and get left with cod liver oil flavoured cookies.

The game is a series of rounds... At the end you will be able to eat, which of course is why everyone is here, since it couldn't possibly be the company.

As you play there will be chances to win lollies. At the end of the game, whoever has the least lollies will have to wash the dishes.

ROUND 1: TASTE CHALLENGES

Let's begin with getting to know the flavours you're going to use in your cookies! Let the taste challenge begin!

Note: For the following challenges, don't touch the options for the recipes, just use whatever is left-over. Also, make sure that no one has a nut allergy or other allergy before putting ingredients into their mouth!

1. **Show off options:** Let all of the participants see all of the flavour and chunk options available. The host will hopefully have already weighed out the amounts needed for the recipes. If the host hasn't... well.... I don't know. Work something out yourselves, maybe weigh everything out now.
2. **Send guesser away & choose challenge ingredients:** Let's call the person who's getting challenged, the guesser, because that's easier. So... send the guesser out of the room. Everyone else chooses an ingredient or several ingredients as a team and puts them into a small glass/mug/shot glass. Spoons don't work well here unless you plan to put the spoon into the guesser's mouth yourself. You may want to consistently choose the same number of ingredients for each guesser, or not (it's harder to guess the tastes if you don't know how many you're going for).
3. **The guesser eats ingredients:** Blindfold the guesser, bring them back into the room, give them the glass and get them to taste the ingredients. For an extra challenge, get them to block their nose.
4. **The guesser guesses:** The guesser attempt to guess what flavours and/or chunks they can taste.
5. **Win up to 3 Lollies:** If the guesser gets every ingredient correct (or the single ingredient), then they gets 3 lolly tokens. If the guesser only gets some of the ingredients correct, you can decide how many lolly tokens to give out yourselves. Now you can eat the lollies if you want, but I promise you'll regret it later when you have to do the cleaning up. Remember.... the person with the least lollies at the end of the game has to do the dishes.
6. **Repeat for every participant:** Repeat for a new guesser until everyone has had a turn.

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ROUND 2: PREPARE YOUR BATTERS

In this round you'll make up a basic batter and add some flavour to it. Since you'll have tasted all the flavours now, you'll be ready to know which flavours you want, right? Right?! Great! Let's get on with it then.

1. **Preheat oven:** Preheat oven to 180degC or 350degF. Or oven mark something or other... I mean who uses oven marks or what is Mark doing in the oven anyway?
2. **Get ready to batter:** Make sure everyone has all the ingredients they need and a copy of the batter making instructions. Or if you really want to win, steal the batter instructions from everyone else and eat them, hopefully the paper won't be the tastiest thing you eat all day. The goal in the next bit is to finish making up your batter first so that you get first choice of the available flavours.
3. **Go! Make the batter quickly:** Someone, but not everyone, should call out "start", so you all begin at the same time.
4. **First to finish gets first choice of flavours & 5 lollies:** The first player to finish their batter gets first choice of flavours & five lollies. Second place gets second choice 3 lollies. Third place gets third choice and 1 lolly. Everyone else gets no lollies, but does still get to choose a flavour in turn, until every player has one flavour and one flavour only. Ok... so technically that's not true, players do not have to choose a flavour if they don't want to.

ROUND 3: CHUNKS AHOY

Now we add chunks to the cookie batters to make them so chunky you can carve it... not.

Note: Each player is allowed to have as many or as few chunks as they want. However, there are only a finite number of options available. Which means if you're mean or just like playing lemon joust club you can win all of the chunks for yourself and not share with anyone at all. But, no... don't do that. We're not in kindergarten any more are we?

1. **Lemon Joust Club to get chunks:** Go through each of the chunks options in turn.
 - If only one person wants a particular type of chunks, then they get it along with a lolly.
 - If more than one person wants the same type of chunks, read the rules of Lemon Joust Club and battle. The winner gets the chunks AND a lolly.
2. **Add chunks to batter:** Once all of the chunks have been taken or ignored, add them to your batter. Players do not have to use all/any of the chunks they win and they can give them away if they're nice. Remember, if you're nice maybe people will let you have some of their cookies at the end and if you're not nice... well, you're not nice.
3. **Adjust batter consistency:** Add extra flour or egg or milk to dough to get a consistency you like. You can look at other people's batters to get a feel of whether yours is too liquid or solid. If you don't know about this step, you can bake some of your cookies first and then work out if they're too dry or running together. Or you can just ignore the step and hope that your cookies don't taste too horrible. They'll probably be just fine on their own, so don't stress too much about this step.
4. **Eat Dough:** YUM! Game over!!! Just kidding.... Feel free to taste your batter, but maybe don't eat all of it yet. You'd better go to next round.

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ROUND 4: PREPARE TO BAKE

Now you've got the dough, you have to get it ready for baking. Unless you really like the dough raw and have already eaten it all. In which case, ignore me.

1. **Line baking trays:** Get some paper and trays:
 - If players have their own baking trays, line them with baking paper.
 - If there aren't enough trays to go around, use baking paper until a tray frees up.
2. **Put dough onto trays:** Depending on the dough consistency you have the following options for moving the dough from your bowl onto baking paper:
 - a) Thick dough: roll into balls using your hands. Balls should be whole walnut sized. If using cinnamon sugar mix, roll balls in the mix until they're coated.
 - b) Medium dough: use two spoons to drop dough onto the tray. Make sure the cookies are well spaced so they don't amalgamate and become the uber-cookie of doom.
 - c) Thin dough: Still try to use spoons to put the batter out, but double the space between the cookies.
 - d) All types of dough: screw the baking step and just put it all in your mouth. Hang on.. no... don't do that. It's not an option! Or am I just saying that to throw you off?Now you've all got your cookies ready to bake! Unless you're living in a house with tons of ovens you can't them all cook at once (sad face). Note: if you really do have tons of ovens let me know where you live so I can come over and turn purple with envy (green is so last year).
3. **The host eats dough:** The host should now lock themselves into a room by themselves with all the dough and just eat it all so that no one else gets any. Actually... no... Scrap this step.
4. **Pour some flour into a bowl:** Someone (perhaps the host if they're not still locked up) should take a bowl and pour some random amount of flour into it. It doesn't have to be flour, it can be anything at all. Flour's just easy.
5. **Guess the weight of bowl AND flour:** Each player then gets a chance to hold the bowl and think about how heavy the trials of the life really are... No... they should try to guess how heavy the bowl AND the flour are, not the trials of life. After deep contemplation, each player should write their guess on a piece of paper so that no one else can see the answer. It helps if everyone uses the same system of measurement, i.e. pounds or kilos.
6. **Closest guess bakes first & gets 3 lollies:** Once everyone has had a guess, put the bowl on a set of scales and find out how heavy it actually is. Whoever has the closest guess, gets to put their cookies in the oven first AND gets 3 more lollies (or their first lollies if they've been doing really badly). Next closest gets to bake next and so on...

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ROUND 5: BAKE AND SHAKE

It's time for trivia!! Remember how much you used to love Trivial Pursuit? Oh! What? That was just me?! Oh well... This is way better anyway because it's all about Food, Drink, Cooking and Baking. YAY!!

Note: There's only shaking if you've got a shaking random number generator on your phone. Otherwise, you'll have to just randomly pick questions yourself or boringly just go through the list in numerical order and there won't be any shaking at all.

Keep baking and shaking until either you run out of trivia questions OR you run out of cookies to put in the oven.

Baking

1. **Put cookies in oven for 8-15 minutes:** While answering trivia questions... keep an eye on the cookies. Depending on what you've put into them, they'll take 8-15 minutes to cook. If you take them out early, they'll be chewy. If they're left in longer, they'll be crispy. And if you get too distracted by the trivia, then they'll get burnt and you won't get anything.
2. **Remove cookies from oven:** When you pull a batch of cookies out of the oven, let them rest for a moment while they cool down and get a bit more stiff. This will take a couple of minutes.
3. **Move to cake rack:** Once they're a bit cool, move them onto a cake rack to let them cool even further.
4. **Put new cookie batch in oven:** If you didn't have enough baking trays, you may need to get the next person to start putting their cookies onto the baking tray you've just liberated. If you run out of cookies to put into the oven, move on to the final round.
5. **Test the cookies:** Try eating some cookies fresh out of the oven, although make sure they're cool enough to put into your mouth without burning yourself.

Shaking

1. **Sit in a circle:** While all the different batches of cookies are getting cooked... go around in a circle taking turns, starting with the person who put their cookies in the oven first.
2. **Shake to choose question to ask:** Someone else asks the player a randomly chosen question (using a phone random number generator shaker or some other crafty method).
3. **Question is answered:** If the player gets the answer correct, they get a lolly. If they get it incorrect, they don't get a lolly. Depending on how you'd like to play this game, you can do the following: if the player doesn't know the answer or gets it incorrect, open it up to the other players to take guesses until someone earns the lolly or everyone gives up.
4. **Continue around the circle:** Keep going around the table taking it in turns until the final batch of cookies comes out of the oven OR you run out of trivia questions.
5. **Keep an eye on cookies:** If they burn because you got stumped on a particularly hard question I know you'll be super sad. So just remember to keep checking every few minutes.

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ROUND 6: EAT, DRINK & CLEAN

Wherein cookies are named and eaten, drinks are drunk, gossip is told and someone does the washing up.

Now all the hard work is over for most of you, grab some drinks and sit back and gossip while the loser does the cleaning.

1. **Make some drinks:** These could be alcoholic or not, it's entirely up to you.
2. **Name cookies:** Each participant should name their cookies because a cookie without a name just isn't really a cookie at all. Although, does a cookie without a name have any calories? Hmm.... I think I'll have to do some thorough testing and get back to you on that one.
3. **Eat the cookies:** Cookies can be shared if you want. Cookies can be judged. Cookies can be hoarded. Choose the way you eat and play this part of the game. It's up to you.
4. **Prepare doggy bags:** If you're a weakling and can't eat all the cookies now, then put them in the containers that were brought along especially for this occasion. Assuming everyone listened to the host's instructions and brought a container along. If someone doesn't have a container, then you'll have to work out some way or coping. I suggest eating more or generously giving away cookies to the sensible ones who brought containers.
5. **Person with least lollies cleans up:** Now we come to the moment everyone has been dreading... clean up time! Count up how many lollies everyone has. The person with the least lollies is the loser and will have to do the washing up. The person with the most lollies is the winner and they get kudos. Of course, everyone is welcome to help the loser if they want to out of the kindness of their own hearts...

LEMON JOUST CLUB RULES

- Each participant needs 2 wooden spoons and a lemon. If you don't have enough to go around, do elimination rounds where winners battle each other.
- Do some practice rounds first to get the hang of it.
- Lemon is perched on one spoon, use the other spoon to defend or attack
- If your lemon falls off your spoon, you're out.
- No moving and holding on to your lemon with both spoons or your hand.
- You are able to stop and stabilise your lemon with hands or spoons, but you can't be moving at the time.
- No using ANY body part to hold onto lemon or stop it falling.
- Last one still to have a lemon wins.

Please note that I did not come up with the idea of Lemon Joust Club, it is inspired by a game from Freeplay Independent Games Festival 2011, which was in turn inspired by Tassos Stevens game from the UK company Coney (www.youhavefoundconey.net).

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. How hot is a “moderate” oven in Celsius AND Fahrenheit? (1 point for each)
2. Which of the following is not a type of cocoa bean? Trinitario, Forestario, Criollo, Forastero.
3. Does cocoa butter contain lactose?
4. What is the boiling temperature of water in Celsius AND Fahrenheit? (1 point for each)
5. Which of the following does not grow cocoa trees commercially? Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Mexico, Botswana.
6. What is the maximum number of Michelin stars a restaurant can have?
7. What is the key alcoholic ingredient of a Mai Tai?
8. What is the key alcoholic ingredient of a Caipirinha?
9. Where did the Sauvignon Blanc grape originate?
10. Where did the Sangiovese grape originate?
11. What can you add to custard to get it to thicken?
12. What do Izakaya, yum cha and tapas restaurants have in common?
13. What is another name for cilantro?
14. What are bell peppers called in Australia?
15. What are the key ingredients of a chocolate mousse?
16. What is the key alcoholic ingredient of a cosmopolitan?
17. What is a Baked Alaska?
18. How many millilitres or US fluid ounces or US fluid drams are in a standard teaspoon? (1 point for each correct answer)
19. What is Beef Wellington?
20. Where did Pad Thai originate?
21. What are the main ingredients of Saag Paneer?
22. What is different about the way that Sung Choi Bao is served?
23. If a recipe asks you to blanch something, what do they want you to do?
24. What does the technique julienne mean?
25. What happens to the temperature of chocolate during the tempering process?
26. What is the most popular ice cream flavour?
27. Does Stilton originate from a village called Stilton?
28. What is a macchiato?

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..... Trivia Questions continued...

29. What shape is fusilli pasta?
30. What is Heston Blumenthal's original restaurant called?
31. From which country did Danish pastries originate?
32. Which of the following is not a Belgian Beer brand? La Chouffe, Heineken, Chimay, Stella Artois
33. Where is Kronenbourg brewed? (1 point for the country, 1 point for the city)
34. Which country developed the first milk chocolate?
35. What happened to Violet Beauregarde in Charlie & the Chocolate Factory?
36. Name two of the main actors in the movie "Chocolat"
37. Where was the movie "Like Water for Chocolate" set?
38. Who is the movie "Julie & Julia" about?
39. How many teaspoons make up a tablespoon? (1 point for Australia, 1 point for everywhere else)
40. What is the most traditional dessert for Christmas time in France?
41. What is different about the way that biscotti are made?
42. What is the most traditional dessert for Christmas time in the UK?
43. What is the French term for the dough used to make eclairs?
44. What kind of cheese is traditionally used in making Tiramisu?
45. What two flavours make up "Gianduja?"
46. What was Jamie Oliver's original TV series called?
47. What are the key ingredients of a meringue?
48. What is saffron made from?
49. What are: gunpowder, lapsang souchong, orange pekoe and jasmine?
50. What are: Sebago, Pontiac, Bintje, Spunta, Pink Eye, Kipfler, Idaho, Desirée?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Try not to look at these answers until the trivia round, otherwise you'll spoil it for yourself.

1. 350degF or 180degC
2. Forestario
3. No
4. 212degF or 100degC
5. Botswana
6. 3
7. Rum
8. Cachaca
9. Bordeaux, France
10. Italy
11. Cornstarch
12. They serve small dishes.
13. Coriander
14. Capsicum
15. Chocolate, (butter), cream, eggs.
16. Vodka.
17. A dessert: Ice cream covered in a meringue mix and baked in oven or with blow torch.
18. 5ml, 1/6 U.S. fl. oz, 1& 1/3 U.S.fl. Drams
19. Roast beef with mushrooms and wrapped in pastry.
20. Vietnam
21. Spinach & cheese
22. It is in a lettuce leaf.
23. Put it in boiling water for 1 minute or short time.
24. Cut/shred into long thin strips
25. It is heated up, cooled and then reheated
26. Vanilla
27. No
28. An espresso coffee with a dash of milk.

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29. Spiral/corkscrews
30. The Fat Duck
31. Vienna, Austria
32. Heineken
33. Strasbourg, France
34. Switzerland
35. Violet Beauregarde eats an experimental piece of gum and chews herself into a giant blueberry.
36. Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina, Lena Olin & Johnny Depp
37. Mexico
38. A blogger, Julie Powell, and the chef Julia Child.
39. In Australia: 4. Everywhere else, 3
40. Bouche Noel or Christmas Log
41. They are cooked twice
42. Plum Pudding
43. Choux paste
44. Mascarpone
45. Chocolate & Hazelnut
46. The Naked Chef
47. Egg white and sugar
48. A spice made from the crocus flower.
49. Types of tea
50. Potatoes

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BATTER MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

Wait for your host to tell you when to begin. Then complete the following steps as quickly as possible. No cutting corners or cheating because I'll know... Ok, so maybe I won't really know, but you'll know when you eat your bad tasting cookies at the end, so don't say I didn't warn you.

1. Chop butter into small cubes and make sure butter is soft (room temperature). If you've taken it straight from the fridge, put it in the microwave for 15-30sec.



2. Add sugar and mix together until there are no lumps.



3. Add egg. Mix in thoroughly.



4. Add baking powder, salt and vanilla extract.



5. Mix flour bit by bit until thoroughly combined.

