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PREP 20 min

COOK 30-35 min

INGREDIENTS

300g 60% - 70% dark chocolate

200g butter

3 eggs

200g caster sugar

70g plain flour

1tsp baking powder



TIPS & TRICKS

1. Do not over beat the batter once the flour is added.
2. You can chop about 70g of dark chocolate into smaller chunks and sprinkle the top of the brownie before you put it into the oven.
3. For better result allow the brownies to cool completely before slicing and serving.

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 160°C. Line a smaller squared/rectangular baking pan with parchment paper and lightly grease it with butter.

STEP 2

Cut 200g of butter into small cubes and drop into a medium bowl. Break 300g dark chocolate into small pieces and drop into the same bowl. Fill a small saucepan about a quarter full of water, then sit the bowl on top of the pan. Put over a low heat until the butter and chocolate have melted, stirring occasionally to mix them.

STEP 3

Remove the bowl from the pan when it's completely melted. While you wait for the chocolate to cool, mix the eggs with sugar for about 3-7min. You'll know it's ready when the mixture becomes really pale and about double its original volume.

STEP 4

Pour the chocolate mixture over the eggy mousse, then gently fold together with a rubber spatula. Then gently fold in this mixture the 70g of flour and 1tsp baking powder using the same technique with the spatula. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for about 30-35 min. Enjoy!

Lunar new year 2021

Every year there is a festival that is celebrated at the beginning of the new year according to the **lunisolar calendar**. It's mostly celebrated by East and Southeast Asian countries. Each year is represented by an animal in the Chinese zodiac. For example, 2020 was the Rat year

There are a total of 12 Chinese zodiac signs that repeat every 12 years. In order, they are Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig. Every year is a different type of zodiac (2020 was the Metal Rat)



lunisolar calendar = special calendar that shows the moon phases and solar year.

In the year 2021, the Lunar new year (the mark of the new moon) starts on the 12th of February and it will be the Ox year

Red envelope

The red color symbolizes luck in traditional Chinese/Vietnamese countries. These envelopes are filled with money and are often considered as gifts for your family or close ones. They bring luck and scare away the bad spirit. Most of the time they are given to children and they love these envelopes, because they are getting money for free! The amount of money in these envelopes can be any you want, but it is said that it shouldn't include the number "4" due to its similarity to the Chinese word "death".



How to find out your zodiac animal

This depends on your year of birth. There are websites that can help you find your Chinese zodiac sign. You can search for "Chinese zodiac calculator" on google if you are interested.

INTERVIEW WITH A TEACHER

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Have you ever thought, how it is like to be a foreign person and to teach in a school? The Spanish teacher *Marco Butta* is from Venezuela and has been teaching at our school for some years now. We asked him some questions about how it is to be a teacher from another country and what difficulties he encounters.



Where do you come from?

„It is an interesting story. I am a son of immigrants. My Grandfather and my Father emigrated from Italy fleeing poverty which prevailed in those post-war times. Benito Mussolini ruled over Italy from 1943 till 1945. This period was called Italian fascism. My Grandmother from my Mother's side also escaped Spanish Civil war and tyranny of the then Spanish dictator Francisco Franco who reigned in the years 1938 to 1973. His rule is known as a totalitarian and fascist regime. My Father and Mother met in Venezuela where they spent many years. I was born in the capital city Caracas. I regard myself as a citizen of the world, as for me we should be all regardless of race and nationality.”



How difficult is Czech language for you, on a scale from 1 to 10?

“The Czech language belongs to the hardest ones to master. Regarding the difficulty, I think it is estimated as the 4th or the 5th most difficult language. But it depends on a person. It depends on many aspects, such as: motivation and perseverance. I am persuaded that one can learn everything. You just have to be willing to do so. Apart from declension that is used, I find the pronunciation most difficult. I give the Czech language 10 difficulty.”

What do you and don't you like about being a teacher?

„I like being able to teach Spanish and then to see the fruits of my labor. To set an example, when my students greet me in the street and talk to me in Spanish. I hate when people do not want to study or have no interest in doing so.”

How long have you been living in the Czech Republic?

„The Czech Republic represents my home where I have never felt any discrimination and where the human rights are observed. Generally, the Czech people do not trust foreigners, nevertheless, the moment they get to know you better they will become friends forever. In truth it is a country where freedom, respect and solidarity prevail in my opinion free from crime and violence. It is a nation that suffered a lot under socialism, due to repressions and injustice against citizens. I have been living in the Czech Republic for many years and I do not want to count how many.”



Which culture do you like more? Czech or Hispanic?

„I can identify with both of them. As for Hispanic culture I like family responsibility, respect for the elderly, kindness of people and an open way of expressing emotions. What I like about Czech culture is punctuality, history, food and beer which I consider the best in the world, then healthcare and social system, historical monuments and people.”

Did you want to become someone else when you were little?

„When I was a child, I wanted to be a president and change things turning for the worse in my country. But as years were passing by, I changed my mind because I had realized that politics was nothing for me. Then I wanted to be a scientist and find a medicine for cancer, as I could not meet my Grandparents who had died from this illness. My current vocation is the best one and I really like it. It is a passion of mine to be a teacher. There is an art to encourage people to learn something.”



ARIANA GRANDE



AMERICAN SINGER

age: 27

genres: Pop, R&B

Ariana was born in Boca Raton, Florida, in 1993. Her first single was TheVY from her debut album Yours Truly. Ariana Grande made some TV series like "Victorious", "Sam&Cat" or "Scream Queens" when she was a teenager. Her first studio album was "Yours Truly" in 2013. Her second studio album was "My Everything" in 2014. That includes very famous songs like "Problem", "Break Free" or "Bang Bang". In 2014 she made her first world tour "The Honey Moon" Ariana Grande has been nominated 250 times and she has won 113 awards like American Music Awards, MTV Video Awards or The Music Business Association. Her biggest hit is Thank Y, Next, the second one is Into You. Her other songs: One Last Time, Santa Tell Me, Break Free, Stuck With U (Khrystyna Kuliyy, Barbora Svobodová, 3.D)



Odd news

Hi, I found this page named Odd news where you can find interesting news from the whole world and I want to share it with you. Not news about politics but different news – odd news. There are about four new articles a day. Sometimes from our beautiful country too. The link is www.upi.com/Odd_News. Here are a few articles for the show.

(Btw I am not the author of the following articles.)

Deer steals hunter's gun

A hunter in the Czech Republic was charged by a deer that snagged the man's gun on its antlers and fled into the woods with the weapon.



Florida man wrestles puppy from jaws of hungry alligator

A Florida man jumped into a pond to rescue his puppy from the jaws of a hungry alligator that had grabbed the canine and dragged him under water.



Rockefeller Center Christmas tree owl

Crews setting up the 75-foot-tall Christmas tree at New York's Rockefeller Center made an unexpected discovery among the branches - a tiny owl. It was given a clean bill of health and released back into the wild.



Hammerhead shark circles oblivious swimmer in Florida

A Florida photographer captured drone footage of an oblivious swimmer's close encounter with a huge hammerhead shark that swam circles around the man.

Fortunately just swam away.



Normal Parents: French Parents: Yeet the child



School asks parents to stop throwing late students over closed gate

An elementary school in France put up a pair of posters outside their fence with an unusual request for parents: Don't throw late students over the closed gate. Principal Sanaa Meziane told La Provence that parents "literally threw their children" over the gate when they arrived to find it closed.



THE CROSSWORD OF THIS ISSUE



Previous issues crossword solutions and Christmas quiz answers:

September issue crossword: HONORIFICABILITUDINITATIBUS - a state in which it is possible to achieve honor. It is the word from Shakespeare's play Love's Labour's Lost, and it is also the longest word Shakespeare has ever used.

November-December issue crossword: ABIBLIOPHOBIA - a word that describes people who are afraid of running out of things to read.

Answers we have chosen from the Christmas quiz: the best gift you have ever received is a car; you prefer giving to receiving; your favourite Christmas movie is Love Actually.