

🌹 *The Kentucky Derby* 🌹

A DAY AT THE RACES

WELCOME TO CHURCHILL DOWNS!

The Kentucky Derby is a horse race held annually in Louisville, Kentucky, United States, almost always on the first Saturday in May, capping the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival.



It consists of three consecutive races for three-year-old thoroughbred horses, and is considered one of the greatest accomplishments in the horse racing world. To win, the horse must win the Kentucky Derby, win the Preakness Stakes two weeks later, and finally win the Belmont Stakes three weeks after that.

The Kentucky Derby is more than just a distinguished horse race. The Kentucky Derby has been held in the United States since 1875, but its origins date back much further. Unlike most famous sporting events, it has been performed every year, virtually unmoved by large scale historical events like the Great Depressions or the World Wars. As a symbol of American culture, the Kentucky Derby has engrained itself in the lives of fans everywhere.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- Nineteen past winners have had names beginning with the letter “S,” including Secretariat, the fastest horse in Kentucky Derby history, who completed the 1973 race in just under two minutes.
- The amount of food consumed at the Derby is pretty astounding. On average, spectators will eat 142,000 hot dogs, 18,000 barbecue sandwiches, 13,800 pounds of beef, 32,400 jumbo shrimp, 9,000 scallops, 8,000 pounds of potatoes, 30,000 cookies and 300,000 strawberries.



- The traditional drink of the Derby is the mint julep, and over 120,000 are said to be consumed at the race each year.
- The youngest jockey to win the esteemed race, Alonzo “Lonnie” Clayton, was just 15 come derby day in 1892. Bill Shoemaker continues to hold the title as the oldest winner; he was 54 when he took home



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the 1986 title. He has also ridden the most Kentucky Derby horses (26) in history.

- Churchill Downs founder and president Col. M. Lewis Clark might have made the rose the official flower of the race after attending an 1883 post-derby party where socialite E. Berry Wall was handing the flower out to the ladies in attendance.
- That famous rose garland is quite a sight. It's made up of more than 400 red roses sewn on green satin, weighing more than 40 pounds. In the center of the garland is a rose "crown," with a single rose pointing up that symbolizes the heart and struggle needed to reach the Kentucky Derby Winner's Circle. The number of roses in the crown is determined by how many horses compete in the Derby. Use these tips to grow perfect roses, just like the ones featured on the garland.
- The trophy is pretty nice, too. The Kentucky Derby trophy is made of 14 karat gold and stands on a jade base. It's 22 inches tall and weighs 3.5 pounds.
- Owner Calumet Farm holds the record for most Kentucky Derby wins, with 8. "Plain Ben" Jones holds the record for trainer with the most wins (6).

- Only 3 year old horses are allowed to compete in the Kentucky Derby.

- The Derby has never been cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather.

- The Kentucky Derby was started by Lewis Clark Jr.—grandson of William Clark, half of the famous explorer duo Lewis and Clark—after he saw England's Epsom Derby.

- The current purse for the Derby is \$3 million, with the winner taking home \$1.86 million, \$600,000 for second place, \$300,000 for third place, \$150,000 for fourth place, and \$90,000 for fifth.

- Aristides was the first Derby winner. The three-year-old chestnut Thoroughbred won the race in just over two minutes and 37 seconds. His jockey, Oliver Lewis, was 19 and never raced in the Derby again. Aristides' trainer was Ansel Williams, a former slave.

- The day before the Derby, there's the Kentucky Oaks. Also founded by Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr., the Kentucky



Oaks is the premier race for three-year-old female horses, called fillies. The first Oaks race took place on May 19, 1875, two days after the first Kentucky Derby. Like the Derby, the winner also receives a garland, but it's made of lilies instead of roses. It's appropriately named "lilies for the fillies." Spectators at the Kentucky Oaks are asked to wear pink to raise money and increase awareness of women's health issues, specifically ovarian and breast cancers.

HOW MANY OF THESE HORSE RACING TERMS DO YOU KNOW?

Match the letter of the term to the numbered clue below



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| A. All Out | H. Claiming | O. Hand |
| B. Allowance Race | I. Conformation | P. Irons |
| C. Bay | J. Dead Track | Q. Lead Pony |
| D. Blanket Finish | K. Evenly | R. Morning Glory |
| E. Bog Spavin | L. First Turn | S. On the Bit |
| F. Break Maiden | M. Free Handicap | T. Platter |
| G. Caller | N. Good Bottom | U. Rabbit |

- _____ 1. Track that is firm under the surface, which may be sloppy or wet.
- _____ 2. Horse or pony who heads parade of field from paddock to starting gate. Also, a horse or pony who accompanies a starter to post.
- _____ 3. Horses finishing so closely together they could be covered by a blanket.
- _____ 4. Buying a horse out of race for entered price.
- _____ 5. A race in which no nomination fees.
- _____ 6. Claiming horse. Also a farrier.
- _____ 7. Horse or rider winning first race of career.
- _____ 8. Color of horse varying from yellowish tan (light bay) to brown or dark, rich shade of mahogany with black points- black mane, tail and shadings of black low on the legs.
- _____ 9. When a horse extends himself to the utmost.
- _____ 10. A horse that is considered to have little chance of winning a race but is entered purely to ensure a fat pace and tire out the other front-runners, softening up the competition for the benefit of an entrymate.

- _____ 11. Bend in the track beyond the starting point.
- _____ 12. A race other than claiming for which the racing secretary drafts certain conditions to determine weights.
- _____ 13. Puffy swelling on the inside and slightly in front of the back, usually caused by overwork or strain.
- _____ 14. One who calls the running positions of horses in a race.
- _____ 15. A horse's build and general physical structure; the way he is put together.
- _____ 16. Two or more horses finishing in an exact tie at the wire.
- _____ 17. Neither gaining nor losing position or distance during a race.
- _____ 18. Four inches. Unit used in measuring height of horses from withers to ground.
- _____ 19. Stirrups.
- _____ 20. Horse who performs well in morning workouts but fails to reproduce that form in races.
- _____ 21. When a horse is eager to run.



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How much have you learned about The Kentucky Derby?



- Nineteen past winners have had names beginning with the letter "S," which one of the following was NOT a Derby winner.
 - Super Saver
 - Street Sense
 - Silver Charm
 - Suffering Succotash
- How many horses raced in the 1892 Kentucky Derby?
 - 3
 - 6
 - 18
 - 29
- The Kentucky Derby is one-third of the coveted Triple Crown along with the Belmont Stakes and _____ Stakes.
 - Breeders' Futurity
 - Preakness
 - Springboard Mile
 - Champagne
- How much does the Derby trophy weigh?
 - 18 lbs.
 - 7 lbs.
 - 3.5 lbs.
 - 2.5 lbs.
- All thoroughbred racehorses have the same birthday - January 1. No matter what day a horse was born on during the year, race horse age is marked from New Year's Day in order to make it easier to keep track of bloodline. But, what is the only age the horse can be to race?
 - 2 years old
 - 3 years old
 - 4 years old
 - 5 years old
- How many fillies have won the Derby?
 - 2
 - 7
 - 4
 - 3
- What horse won the Derby in 2019, but had its win disqualified for impeding another horse.
 - Maximum Security
 - I'll Have Another
 - Nyquist
 - California Chrome
- What is the name of the race track where the Kentucky Derby is held?
 - Churchill Downs
 - Ellis Park
 - Blue Grass Park
 - Keeneland

9. The Kentucky Derby is known as?
- A. "Run for the Roses"
 - B. "Day at the Track"
 - C. "Dash for the Cash"
 - D. "King of the Bluegrass"
10. Which horse was disqualified in the Kentucky Derby in 1968?
- A. Dancer's Image
 - B. Kauai King
 - C. Riva Ridge
 - D. Dust Commander
11. Which of the following had the fastest Kentucky Derby race?
- A. Go for Gin
 - B. Monarchos
 - C. Secretariat
 - D. Silver Charm
12. Vagrant, Apollo, Macbeth II, Old Rosebud, and Exterminator: what do these Derby winners have in common?
- A. They were geldings
 - B. They were ridden by Black jockeys
 - C. They were fillies
 - D. They were later disqualified
13. Which of the following Derby winners sired a Derby winner?
- A. Secretariat
 - B. Unbridled
 - C. Sunday Silence
 - D. Affirmed
14. Which horse won the "Triple Crown" in 1970?
- A. Fonteyne
 - B. Nureyev
 - C. Nijinsky
 - D. Baryshnikov
15. What is the fillies equivalent of the Derby?
- A. The Beeches
 - B. The Larches
 - C. The Yews
 - D. The Oaks

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Can you find them all?

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D T O D S M R E R E O P L Q
C U J Y O S T A K E S T O E
N J O C K E Y B E R E B U R
H Q P B A C M I N V S D I A
Y Q R E A R I S T I D E S H
H R E L R E N C U C X R V A
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Y R S G A A E T I T L E C B
T K S J Y T P J A I C N R T
T H O R O U G H B R E D L S

Jockey
Race day
Louisville
Horses
Kentucky
Thoroughbred

Derby
Preakness
Stakes
Belmont
Secretariat
Seabiscuit

Mint Julep
Derby Pie
Roses
Title
Aristides
Winner

THE PASTRY WITH A PAST...



Derby Pie was created in 1950 by the Melrose Inn in Prospect, Kentucky as a specialty pastry. The restaurant's owners and derby pie creators were Walter and Leandra Kern, who constantly researched the optimal recipe for their creation. They were assisted by their son George Kern. Now, the Derby-Pie® recipe is shrouded in secrecy. It is also guarded by what can be assumed are the most litigious pie bakers in the country, if not the world.

The pie recipe has inspired many lawsuits. It's kind of a shame, too, because this pie is, besides the mint julep, one of the the most closely associated recipes with the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky itself. Full of chocolate and nuts, and perhaps a splash of bourbon, it's a slightly fancier and heartier version of pecan pie, and one that's made differently by just about every baker and every kitchen. But no one, except for the Kern's Kitchen pie company, can call it by its true name.

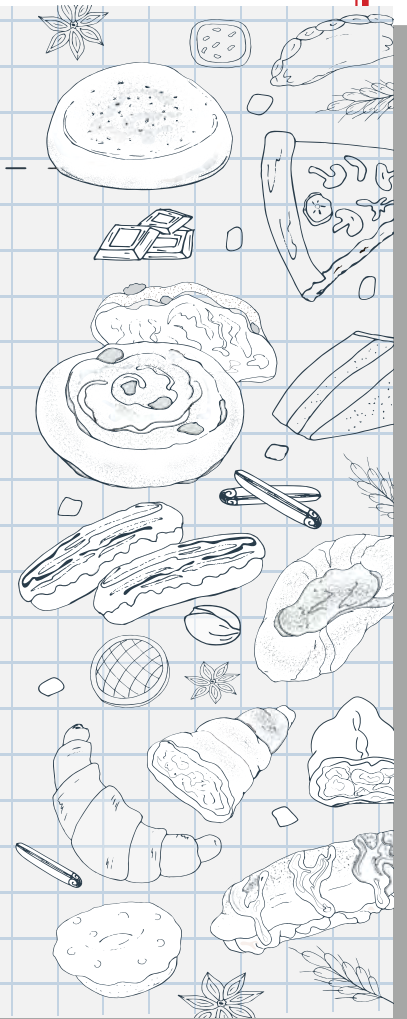
Recipe Derby Pie

Ingredients

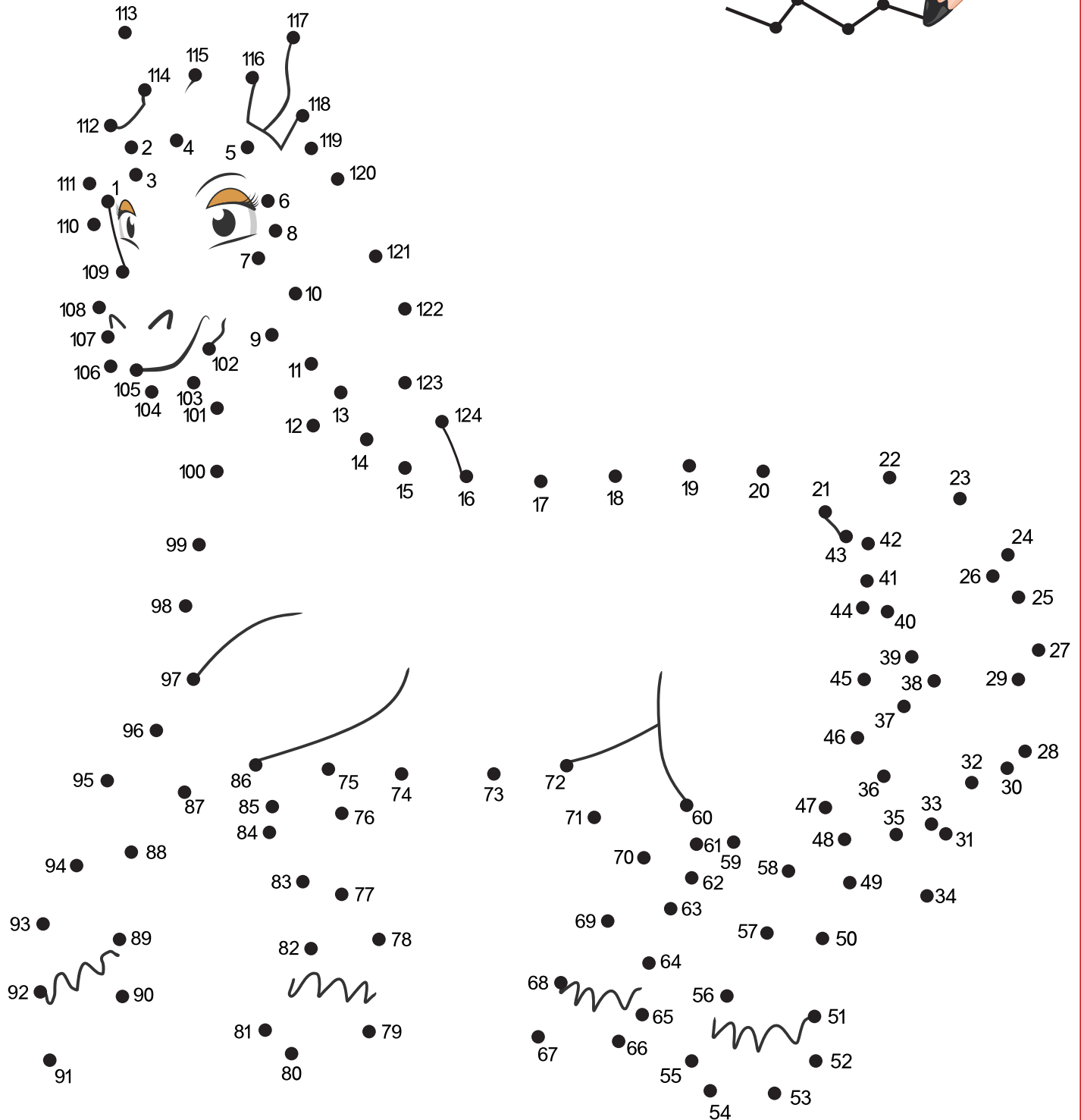
- 1 6 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 1 9" pie crust
- 1 stick butter, melted and cooled
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- ½ cup flour
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Cooking

1. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, corn syrup, sugar, flour, vanilla and salt. Stir in pecans, chocolate chips and butter.
 2. Pour into pastry shell. Cover edges with foil.
 3. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Remove foil; bake 15-20 minutes longer or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate leftovers.
- *Filling sometimes runs over in the oven, so you may wish to place the pie pan on a cookie sheet.



CONNECT THE DOTS WHAT DO YOU SEE?



HORSE RACING

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TERMS

ANSWERS

1. N
2. Q
3. D
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ANSWERS

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11. C
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. D

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