



# Pokemon Week

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## Fun Facts about Pokémon

### 1. Pokémon means 'Pocket Monsters'

**1. Pokémon is an abbreviation of 'Poketto Monsutā'** which means 'Pocket Monster' in Japanese. Because they fit in your pocket, of course! Although luckily they live in Poke balls, imagine the mess if they used your pockets as a loo...

### 2. Pikachu directly translates as 'Sparkly mouse noise'

If you ever wondered where the Pokémon names come from, Pikachu is a good example of how random they can be. 'Pika' is from 'Pikapika' which means 'glitter or sparkle' and 'chu' is from 'chuchu' the noise a mouse makes. Put them together and you have Sparkle Mouse Noise! For some reason. Pikachu is a sort of mouse, right?

### 3. Lots of Pokémon names are puns

For example, the powers of Mimikyu are literally to 'mimic you'. And Sudowoodo? 'Psudo wood', or fake wood. Squirtle is a reference to the fact that he's a turtle who can squirt water, and Charmander is so - called because it's a fire Pokémon which can 'char' you. Which other clever names can you spot?

### 4. Pokémon was created by a video game designer called Satoshi Tajiri in 1995

He first thought of the idea way back in 1990. He was inspired by the fact that Gameboys could communicate and began dreaming up a game that would link two Gameboys. At first, nobody really understood Satoshi's Pokémon idea, and the company struggled trying to produce it. Satoshi didn't even take a salary during this time, but eventually the game was released and became a huge success!

### 5. The 'Gotta Catch 'Em All' ethos has a back story

Satoshi's idea about collecting animals in Pokémon came from his love of being in the garden as a child. As a boy, he would spend hours finding and collecting bugs and insects. In fact he spent so much time doing it, his friends called him 'Dr. Bug', and he originally wanted to become a bug scientist - or entomologist, to give it its proper name. We're glad he decided to work in video games instead!

### 6. Over 30 billion Pokémon cards have been sold

Pokémon cards are very popular - so popular, in fact that since they were first released in 1998, they've sold billions worldwide! The card game is similar to the video game, except it's played in real life. Some of the rarer cards have become so sought after that they go for thousands of pounds, and tournaments are played all over the world.

### 7. The colours of the Pokeballs are actually based on Campbell's soup cans

Yes, you read right, the famous pokeball is actually meant to mimic the look of a soup can! Specifically, the tomato soup cans that appear in Andy Warhol's famous picture. We're not sure why the design was based on a soup can, but once you see it, you can't unsee it!

### 8. The island of Niue in the South Pacific has put Pikachu on a coin!

Yes, you can buy stuff with Pikachu! Well, if you live on Niue that is. Pikachu appeared on a special edition coin there in 2001. Does that mean the people of Niue are officially the biggest Pokémon fans in the world?

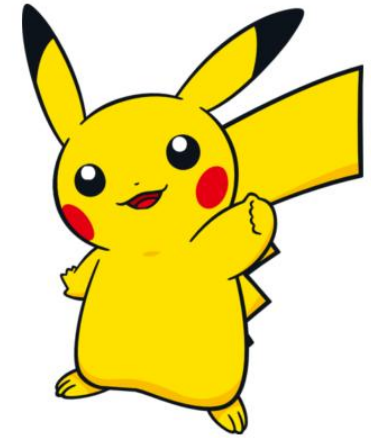


What you will need for pancake mix:

- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups of all purpose flour
- 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons of melted butter

What you will need for decorations:

- To create the pointy ears and red checks you can use ingredients such as strawberries
- Blueberries for the eyes
- And syrup or sauce for the mouth and nose



## Make your own Pikachu Pancakes

To make the pancake mix:

- In a large bowl you need to mix your flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Once you have done this you can make a little dip in the middle and pour in your milk, egg and melted butter. Mix the mixture together until smooth.
- Ask an adult for help with this bit as you need to lightly oil a pan a cook the pancakes on a medium to high heat, cook on each side until golden brown and repeat with the rest of your mixture.
- You should be able to make 8 pancakes from the mix

To decorate:

- When the pancakes have cooled down you can begin to make you Pikachu face, use fruits and other decorations to create the pointy ears, don't forget to add the facial features like the Rosey checks and smiley face!
- Once you have finished you can enjoy your lovely pancakes!



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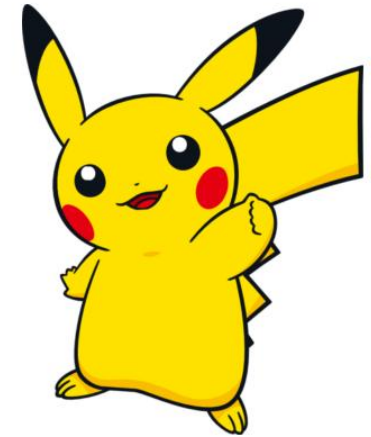
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What you will need:

- 2 paper plates
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Scissors and glue
- Split pin or string if you don't have a pin



## Make your own Poke ball and character

To start with you need to find all of your resources, once you have got them all you need to begin with one of your paper plates and use it to create the poke ball. Use the whole paper plate as the ball as with will be cutting it in the middle to make it open. Don't forget to colour it in while creating it, once you have done this you need to cut along the middle of the paper plate where it would usually open when using the ball. On your second paper plate you are going to draw out your character, this can be your favorite character from the show, or you could even think of a new one to add to the collection. When you have done this and coloured it in it is time to create the ball, you may need to ask an adult to help you as you need to use the split pin or string to attach the top half to the top of your other plate then glue the other half to the bottom. You should have one finished Poke ball by the time you have finished that opens to reveal your chosen character.



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## Pokeball Craft

For this craft you will need:

- Two Paper Plates
- Coloured Pens
- Scissors
- Glue

With your first plate draw and colour in your favourite Pokemon, next, cut your second plate in half. Leave one half blank and add in add your pokeball design to the other half. Once completed stick them on the plate so it looks like your pokeball is opening up to show the pokemon that you have caught!

## Pokémon Party Games Ideas

### BALLOON STOMP



Take Pokémon coloured balloons i.e. red, white, blue, orange, and yellow. put one Pokémon tattoo in each of them. Inflate and spread them in the play area. Ask the kids to stomp the balloons with their feet. Whoever stomps the maximum number of balloons and collects the maximum number of tattoos, wins. You don't need any other gift for this game. The tattoos will be an incentive enough.

### WHO'S THAT POKEMON?

This variation of the classic guessing game Charades is sure to entertain and reward creativity and acting skills, and all you need is a few booster packs of Pokémon trading cards!

Starting with the trainer whose birthday it is, open a booster pack and fan out the cards for them to pick one with their eyes closed, saying "I choose you!" Then looking at the card, they must convey what Pokémon they've chosen to the other children without saying a word.

Whoever guesses correctly wins a point and chooses the next card, until you've run out of trading cards to give out. The winner gets a full booster pack to open, then let the kids have fun trading cards together!

### PSYDUCK SAYS



Simon says is an easy game to set up and to understand, and it can be a great way to calm down a rowdy bunch of Youngster trainers. Psyduck is always holding his head in his hands due to his psychic powers giving him a nasty headache, so hold your head tightly and maybe talk with a silly, nasally voice like Psyduck does. The kids will work together to cure his headache by doing what Psyduck says (throw a Pokeball, act like a Chimchar, sleep like a Snorlax, etc).