



# El roscón de Reyes

**Spanish A1**

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Type of activity	<b>Online/blended.</b> The activity can be done online from home or in a blended format.
Language and level	Spanish A1
Estimated time	45 minutes
Skills covered	Listening, reading, writing, speaking
Relation to cultural heritage	<p>× Gastronomy and traditions</p> <p><b>ORIGIN</b> It comes from France. There it is called Galette des Rois. It is a pastry made of puff pastry and almonds. It usually has a bean instead of the figure of a child. Wealthy people put pieces of gold inside the bread. The person who pulled out the child or the golden piece became king or queen for a day.</p> <p>The tradition came to Spain, where it is called Roscón de Reyes. It is a bun made with a sweet dough base, plus slices of sweet fruit.</p> <p>A 'surprise' is placed inside, and whoever gets it must pay for the roscón.</p> <p><b>MEANING</b> The "Roscón de reyes" and all its components have several meanings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The oval shape of the donut symbolises the love of God, chosen because it has "no beginning and no end".</li> <li>- The fruits symbolise the grace of Jesus Christ, although others point out that they are the gifts of the kings, which also have a meaning; love, peace and happiness.</li> <li>- The child God is inside the donut and symbolises when Joseph and Mary hid Jesus from Herod.</li> </ul>



Development/Description  
of the activity

**Activity 1:**

Watch the video on the preparation of the roscón de reyes and write down all the necessary ingredients. After having watched it several times, if there are some parts that you do not understand, you can read the transcript of the video and read the parts that you did not understand.

**Activity 2:**

Go to the shop or supermarket to buy all the necessary ingredients. Prepare the sentences to be used to communicate with the cashier/employee.

For example:

Where can I find the sugar?

*¿Dónde puedo encontrar el azúcar?*

How much is the flour?

*¿Cuánto vale la harina?*

Good morning, do you have yeast, lemon, eggs and butter?

*Buenos días, ¿Tenéis levadura, limón, huevos y mantequilla?*

Do you sell bakeable figurines for roscón de reyes?

*¿Vendéis figuritas horneables para roscón de reyes?*

**Activity 3:** Watch the video again and write down on a piece of paper all the steps to follow to bake the roscón de Reyes.

**Final activity:** Prepare the "roscón de reyes" following the video and the steps described above.

Link to original source if  
any

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdyuKEosxNU>  
"How to make the perfect roscón de reyes".





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