

# Questions

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**The oldest Welsh love-spoon is 350 years old.**

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Some symbols came to have special meanings, for example, a heart means **love**, a bell means **marriage**, and a cage with balls inside is a symbol for **children**.

8. Name two reasons why people might give a love-spoon as a gift today.

**Accept any two of the following: People might give a Welsh love-spoon as a gift today to celebrate a wedding; People might give a Welsh love-spoon to celebrate the birth of a new baby; People might give a Welsh love-spoon to wish someone good luck.**

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# Answers

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**People have been giving love-spoons as gifts in Wales since the 16<sup>th</sup> century.**
2. How old is the oldest Welsh love-spoon?  
**The oldest Welsh love-spoon is 350 years old.**
3. Why did people give love-spoons to someone they liked?  
**People would make love-spoons for their sweethearts as a way of proposing marriage.**
4. What is a 'twca cam'?  
**The 'twca cam' or the curved dagger is a special tool which was created by Welsh craftsmen. It is used to carve the love-spoon from a single piece of wood.**
5. When a love-spoon was carved for someone, who else would inspect it?  
**When a love-spoon was carved for someone, it would be presented to their father to inspect.**
6. List two types of wood which are used to make love-spoons.  
**Sycamore and red cedar are two types of wood that can be used to make love-spoons.**
7. Can you name a modern tradition that have replaced giving love-spoons?  
**Getting engaged with a ring is a modern tradition that has replaced giving love-spoons.**
8. Where else in the world could you find love-spoons?  
**You can find love-spoons in other places such as, Germany, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe.**
9. How big is the world's largest love-spoon?  
**The world's largest love-spoon measures 44 feet long.**
10. What symbols would you carve into a love-spoon? Give reasons for your answer.  
**Pupil's own responses, such as: I would carve daffodils into a love-spoon because flowers are a traditional symbol of love.**

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8. Name three personal items a person living 16<sup>th</sup> century Wales might own.

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9. Ed Harrison's record-breaking love-spoon was carved with hearts, chain links and dragons. What do you think the theme of this love-spoon was?

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10. The trees that Ed Harrison used to carve his love-spoon were due to be cut down. Do you think using them for his record breaking attempt was a good idea? Give reasons for your answers.

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# Answers

1. Explain in your own words what you understand by the word **tradition**?  
**Accept any suitable answer, such as: I think a tradition is something which has been done in the same way or for the same reason for a very long time.**
2. How old is the tradition of giving love-spoons in Wales?  
**The tradition of giving love-spoons dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century in Wales. The oldest recorded love-spoon dates back to 1667, that's 350 years ago. However, historians believe the tradition is much older than this. Examples of love-spoons dating back as far as 1664 have been found in places like Germany.**
3. How is a love-spoon made?  
**A love-spoons is carved by hand from a single piece of wood. A special tool called a 'twca cam' or the curved dagger was created by Welsh craftsmen to carve the bowl and the neck of the spoon. It has a long handle and a hooked blade. Symbols are carved onto the love-spoons and each one has its own special meaning, for example a heart symbolises love.**
4. Why were symbols carved onto love-spoons?  
**During the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, people created a system of symbols, each one with its own meaning, and carved these onto the love-spoons they made to show how much they loved their sweethearts.**
5. Why was a spoon considered to be important?  
**Spoons were very important because they were the main utensil people used to cook and eat with. People did not own many personal possessions and most things belonged to the family or community. When someone was given a love-spoon, it was usually the only personal item they owned until they left the family home to live with their loved one.**
6. What do you think would happen if someone's father didn't like a love-spoon that was presented to him?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: If a father didn't like a love-spoon which was presented to him, he wouldn't allow the marriage to happen.**
7. Can you name a modern tradition that have replaced giving love-spoons?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: A modern tradition which has replaced the giving of love-spoons might be getting engaged with a ring or other piece of jewellery.**

8. Name three personal items a person living 16<sup>th</sup> century Wales might own.  
**Accept any three suitable items, such as: clothes, a fork, a spoon.**
9. Ed Harrison's record-breaking love-spoon was carved with hearts, chain links and dragons. What do you think the theme of this love-spoon was?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: The theme of Ed Harrison's love-spoon was medieval love.**
10. The trees that Ed Harrison used to carve his love-spoon were due to be cut down. Do you think using them for his record breaking attempt was a good idea? Give reasons for your answers.  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think using the wood to make love-spoons was a good idea if the trees were going to be cut down because it meant that the wood was used rather than being wasted and damaging the environment.**