

SESSION 6

Local food products Navarre

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Breakdown

SESSION SUMMARY

- Information on local products.
- Information on Protected Designations of Origin.
- Activity: "Classify the types of food".
- Activity: "You're the chef today".
- Activity: "Become a chef".

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

- To appreciate local products as a guarantee of food quality.
- To cultivate cultural sensitivity through gastronomy.

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Local food products.
Protected Designations of Origin.
Seasonal produce.

KEY COMPETENCIES

1. Linguistic communication.
2. Mathematical comprehension and basic science and technology comprehension.
4. Learning how to learn.
5. Social and civic comprehension.
6. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurial spirit.
7. Cultural expressions and awareness.

Session plan

The weather, geography and cultural and historical heritage of each region mean that each place on the map specialises in growing, making and eating specific types of food. These types of food are known as local food products.

In this session, the pupils learn the benefits of local food products and Designations of Origin.

At the end of the session, activities are performed to apply this knowledge.

The advantages of local food products

Local food products are types of food which are produced, processed and distributed in a specific geographical region. They also have specific characteristics that set them apart.

The benefits of local food products:

1. They are fresher, because the distances they have to be transported are shorter.
2. They keep their flavour and nutritional properties better.
3. Because they do not have to be transported very far, they mean we can cut costs and emit less CO₂ into the atmosphere.

4. Because they are top-quality products, they always taste good.
5. They allow us to get to know and enjoy the specific flavours of our land.
6. They encourage food tourism (between regions).
7. They help maintain customs and traditions from the past.
8. They allow us to get to know and establish a relationship with the environment in which we live.
9. The production of local food products helps develop the local economy.
10. They help enrich our community.

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Tix and Loy have taught us how important it is to eat a balanced diet as part of our everyday lives, eating all kinds of food in the recommended quantities.

But, do you think that food is the same all over the world?

The answer is no, because the things we eat vary a great deal depending on where we are.

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Did you know...?

Thanks to the interest shown by farmers and consumers, flavours, traditions and part of the past of our food culture are now being recovered.



Seasonal produce

This is food, mainly fruit and vegetables, which is eaten when it is at its optimum level of ripeness. The advantages of this kind of food over other kinds include:

1. More nutritional properties and better flavour because their properties remain intact.
2. Economic savings because larger quantities of the product are available.
3. They respect the environment because they defend the natural life cycles of products and help reduce the intensive farming of single products.

We can enjoy different kinds of seasonal fruit and vegetables over the year.

Like oranges for example. Although we eat them all year round, they are a winter product. In fact, the best season to eat oranges is winter.

Did you know...?

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Some typical products from Navarre:

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- Piquillo peppers from Lodosa
- Olive oil from Navarre
- Navarra wine
- Asparagus of Navarre
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If I ask you to name some typical products from Navarre, could you name me any?

I'm going to tell you the names of some of our local products. Let's see if you've heard of them:

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Pupil notebook

Roncal cheese

The recipe for this cheese is a traditional, unwritten secret which has been handed down through the generations of families in the **Valley of El Roncal** for more than 1,000 years. Navarrese shepherds **feed their Lacha and Navarra sheep on natural grass** in the fields of the valley.



The cheese made from the milk produced by these sheep is **totally natural** and has a characteristic appearance. It is hard and crumbly, marble white inside, like the colour of elephant tusks, and is cylindrical on the outside with brown and grey rind which looks mouldy. But don't worry, that doesn't mean it's not good! When you want to eat it, you remove the rind with a knife and you are ready to enjoy the slightly spicy flavour of this delicious cheese.

Piquillo peppers from Lodosa

These peppers are grown in south-west Navarre and many people call them the red gold of Navarre.



Small, bright red in colour and with the tip slightly crooked, these peppers are easy to identify.

Once harvested, the best peppers are roasted and then peeled one by one and cleaned, without using water or any kind of chemicals. That is how they always keep their authentic flavour: a **sweet flavour with that roasted aftertaste that has made them so famous**.

There are a thousand ways to eat them!

Navarra wine

Although 70% of the wine produced is red wine, the Navarra Designation of Origin covers wines of all kinds: red, white and rosé.



Did you know that wine is made from grape juice? **The grapes are harvested and drained to get all the juice out. The juice is then closed in barrels so that it can ferment.** That is how it turns from grape juice into alcoholic wine.

Different types of red wine are produced by leaving it longer in the barrel: Joven, Crianza, Reserva and Gran reserva.

Olive oil from Navarre

Only the finest olives from the south of Navarre are used to make Designation of Origin Olive oil from Navarre.



This oil is **slightly fruity with green, bitter and spicy notes**. It is different from other kinds of olive oil because of the climate and type of soil found in the region.

This delicious product, which many call "liquid gold", is made using 100% natural Arróniz, Empeltre and Arbequina olives.

What have we learned today?

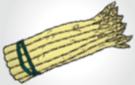
- Food products with Protected Designations of Origin are those which are produced, processed and distributed in our own community.
- We can recognise them in the supermarket thanks to their quality labels.
- The production and distribution of these products in our community contributes towards local economic growth.

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Asparagus of Navarre

Asparagus of Navarre are **white asparagus** grown in the fertile soils of the Ribera del Ebro.

They are different from green asparagus because they **grow underground and do not see sunlight at any point in time**. This means they stay white until they finish growing. You know the darker, softer part of asparagus that you eat? It is like that because that is the part that sticks out of the ground and receives sunlight.



Artichokes from Tudela

Another gem from Navarre's Ribera region is the Artichoke from Tudela. It is also known as **the flower of the vegetable garden** because of its shape. Artichokes from Tudela are different from other artichokes because their leaves do not fully close. And although it may surprise some of you, **they have a lot of calcium**, like milk, which makes your bones healthy and strong. **There are a thousand different ways to eat them:** boiled like other vegetables, in stews, raw in salad, blanched and battered, roasted, etc.

What's your favourite way to eat them?



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Pupil notebook

The goal here is to use language in a different way than we usually do, playing with the sounds of words and their form. Poems, rhymes, riddles, tongue twisters, songs and shape poems can all be used as resources.

The activity focuses on calligrams (shape poetry), so it can be used in a language class and / or artistic education class.

In this activity, students read, understand, think and, finally, write a poem to turn it into a visual representation.

1. Let's play with food names

First, the teachers will ask the students if they understand the meaning of the word "calligraphy". The students, raising their hands first, are free to answer with whatever the word brings to mind. It can be proposed that they look at the ending "-gram" and think of other words that end in the same way so that they can deduce part of the meaning.

Next, explain what a calligram is:

The word calligram comes from the combination of the two Greek words, 'kállos' (beauty) and gramme (written characters).

A calligram is a text (in this case a poem) visually arranged in such a way that it forms an image associated with the text's theme. In this case it is a poetic composition that draws, through writing, the theme suggested by the poem. It is visual poetry, also known as shape poetry.

It is characterized by creating a final image through words, which visually express what the poem says; that is, drawing with the words.

They can look at the examples they have in their notebook.

You can ask what they think the poem is about, even if they don't understand it, because it is written in French (Guillaume Apollinaire).

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1. Let's play with food names

As we have seen, calligrams (or shape poems) are a type of visual poem that form a drawing with the text. That drawing represents the theme of the poem. It can be a character, an animal, a landscape or any object you can imagine!

Let's see some examples!

The first is by Guillaume Apollinaire, a French writer who popularized this type of poem at the beginning of the 20th century.
Although it is written in French, what do you think the poem is about?

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Pupil notebook

Explain that in our literature there have also been poets and authors who have used this method, such as Guillermo de Torre, who made the following in 1923:

The teacher will show the students another example and ask them what they think about this calligram.

Finally, the teacher will comment that, as they have been learning a lot about products from their region, they will make a calligram related to one. Present examples of calligrams with food:

After analyzing the examples, the teacher will explain that now they are the ones who are going to make shape poetry with products from our region.

You can state that, at the end, the work will be displayed in the corridor.

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The following is from Guillermo de Torre, a Spanish writer, who made this in 1923. 95 years ago!



Here's another example:



Since we have been learning a lot about the products of our region, we are going to create a calligram with them!

Here are some examples of food calligrams:



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Now it's your turn!

a) First, choose a product from our region. It can be a seasonal food. Think of something that inspires you and write a poem about that food.

b) Then it's time to make the calligram. Transform the poem into a drawing, that's shape reflects the theme of the poem; that is, the food that you have chosen.

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