

New York City Marathon

1. Read the article and match the paragraphs with the questions
(Přečtěte si článek a přiřaďte otázky k odstavcům):

How often is the marathon held?

How many people take part in the marathon?

What's the atmosphere like?

How does the race start and finish?

What year did the race start?

Welcome to the New York City Marathon – the most exciting event ever!

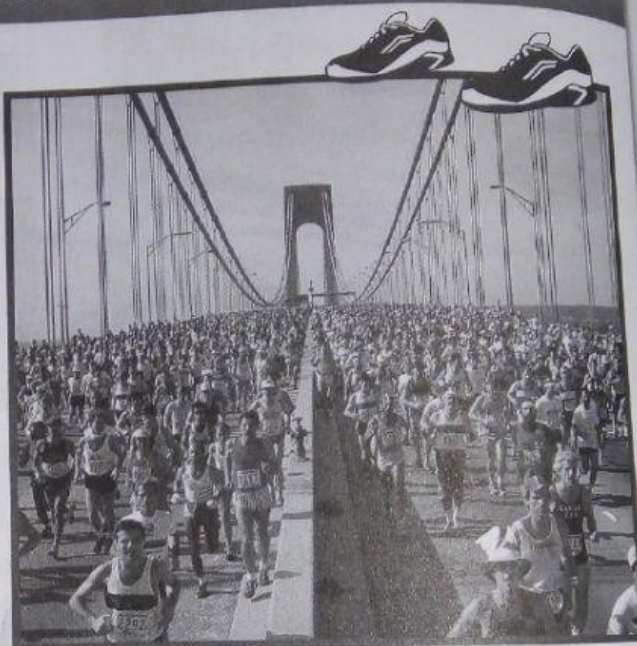
A This is one of the biggest marathons in the world. An incredible 46,795 runners finished the race in 2011!

B Thousands of spectators stand by and cheer the thousands of runners and give them bottles of water as they run past. The 26-mile race is held every year on the first Sunday of November.

C The race started on 13th September, 1970. It became really popular in 1978 when the Norwegian, Grete Waitz, broke the women's world record and ran the 26 miles in an amazing two hours, 32 minutes and 30 seconds. And yes, of course, there was another party at the finish line!

D The marathon runs through all of New York's five boroughs. It starts with a blast from a cannon and shouts from the crowd and ends with cheers and a celebration at the finish line in Central Park.

E It's a crazy event! The atmosphere is unique. It's one big party! Some people wear fancy dress and play drums. Everyone has fun. It's an experience no runner or spectator can ever forget!



2. Read the article again and answer the questions. (Přečtěte si znovu článek a odpovězte na otázky.):

How many runners finished the race in 2011?

How often is the race held?

On what day is the race held?

When did the race start?

What nationality was Grete Waitz?

How many boroughs are there in New York?

Where is the finishing line?

What instrument do some of the spectators play?