

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then complete the text. Use the words in the box.

caber (pronunciation: 'keɪ.bər)

= a long, heavy wooden pole (from the trunk of a tree) that people throw as a test of strength in traditional sports competitions in Scotland.

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Throwing, or 'tossing', the caber is a very old and _____ sport in Scotland. The sport involves throwing a caber, which can be _____ long as six metres. A lot of people think the competitors have to toss the caber as _____ as possible. However, it's a lot more interesting _____ that. In fact, the aim is to throw the caber so that it turns over and lands pointing in a straight line away from the thrower. The _____ the caber is when it lands, the _____ points the competitor gets. The winner is the competitor whose caber is _____ to the '12 o'clock' mark on a clock face than the others. However, when you're throwing a caber that weighs around 80 kg, that's a lot _____ simple than it sounds!