

CULTURE: kilts and tartans

1. READ THE TEXT. THEN CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR EACH SENTENCE.

In Scotland there are many cultural traditions.

The tradition of wearing kilts started in the Scottish highlands. A kilt was a piece of cloth. Men tied the kilt round their waists with a belt. They used a sporran, a small leather bag, to keep money and other valuable things in. At night they used the kilt as a blanket. By the 18th century, kilts were like the one in the photo.

The traditional cloth for kilts is tartan. Tartans can be many different combinations of colours. Scottish clans or big family groups traditionally have their own tartan.

Today some men still wear kilts and sporrans for special occasions. These include weddings, parades and Scottish dances where people play traditional music with the famous Scottish bagpipes.



1. What was a kilt originally?

2. What did men use a kilt for at night?

3. What is the traditional cloth for kilts?

4. What is a sporran?

5. Who traditionally have their own tartan?

2. NOW READ THE SENTENCES AND CHOOSE TRUE OR FALSE.

1. A kilt was a tradition in the north of France.

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2. Men tied the kilts with a scarf.

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3. They used the kilts as a blanket at night.

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4. The traditional cloth for the kilts is cotton.

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5. They used a sporran to keep money and other important things.

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6. Today they use kilts for special occasions

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3. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR EACH SENTENCE.

1. Tartans can be many different colours / only one colour.

2. In Scotland there are few traditions / many cultural traditions.

3. A sporran was a small leather bag / plastic bag.

4. In special occasions they wear the kilts and play traditional music with the famous Scottish guitars / bagpipes.