

LISTENING TEST

UNUSUAL BRITISH FESTIVALS

I. Check your understanding: true or false for these sentences

1. Many of these festivals are actually races or competitions. **TRUE / FALSE**
2. The Burning of the Clavie brings good luck for the new year. **TRUE / FALSE**
3. On Shrove Tuesday in Scarborough people dance with ropes. **TRUE / FALSE**
4. Cheese rolling involves running away from a big, round cheese. **TRUE / FALSE**
5. Snail racing started in the UK. **TRUE / FALSE**
6. The competition to pull the ugliest face is an old tradition. **TRUE / FALSE**
7. The Burning of the Clocks festival marks the summer solstice. **TRUE / FALSE**
8. The Burning of the Clocks festival ends with people throwing water. **TRUE / FALSE**

II. Choose the best phrase to complete these sentences

1. The Clavie is ...

- a. a whisky container
- b. a wooden cross
- c. a bonfire made of things people don't need

2. In the Up Helly Aa festival, they burn

- a. a wooden man
- b. a Viking boat
- c. a line in the grass

3. During a pancake race, you have to

- a. eat as many pancakes as possible
- b. run as fast as possible while tossing a pancake in a pan
- c. run and jump over the ropes without dropping the pancake

4. Nowadays, the people who win the cheese rolling competition are usually

- a. top athletes
- b. people from the village
- c. visitors from all over the world

5. The fastest snail in the Snail Racing is

- a. cooked with garlic and butter
- b. rescued from the barbecue
- c. given a prize of extra lettuce

6. Black pudding throwing is similar to

- a. pancake tossing
- b. Olympic sports like javelin and shotput
- c. bowling

7. To win the best gurner competition, one man

- a. had all his teeth removed
- b. grew a really long beard
- c. had a lot of facial piercings

8. The Burning of the Clocks festival is

- a. 2 years old
- b. 20 years old
- c. 200 years old