

Scottish Culture



Listen and read. Answer the questions.

Kilts and tartans



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.

What was a kilt originally?

What is a sporran?

What did men use a kilt for at night?

What is the traditional cloth for kilts?

Who traditionally have their own tartan?

When do some men still wear kilts today?