

Unusual British festivals

Listen to this audio about unusual British festivals. You may do the exercises as you listen.

1. Choose True or false

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

2. Choose the best phrase to complete these sentences.

1. The Clavie is

a whisky container
a wooden cross
a bonfire made of things people don't need

2. In the Up Helly Aa festival, they burn

a wooden man
a Viking boat
a line in the grass



3. During a pancake race, you have to

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

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

top athletes

people from the village

visitors from all over the world

5. The fastest snail in the Snail Racing is cooked

with garlic and butter

rescued from the barbecue

given a prize of extra lettuce

6. Black pudding throwing is similar to

pancake tossing

Olympic sports like javelin and shotput

bowling

7. To win the best gurner competition, one man

had all his teeth removed

grew a really long beard

had a lot of facial piercings

8. The Burning of the Clocks festival is

2 years old

20 years old

200 years old

Which of these traditions would you like to take part in?

Do they remind you of any other festivals that you know about?

I'd like to ... because ...

There's a festival in ..., where they ...

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.