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The London Marathon

In 1979, two British men called John Disley and Chris Brasher (1)..... to run the New York Marathon. This 42-kilometre race goes through the city, past many of its famous tourist sights. Disley and Brasher found that it was very different from marathons in the UK.

At that (2)..... in the UK, nobody was interested in marathons, but in New York, there were large (3)..... of people watching. Afterwards, the two men had the (4)..... of starting a similar race in London.

The first London Marathon was in 1981, and over six thousand runners (5)..... part. Since then, the race has happened every year, and has become popular with runners from all over the world. Over a million people have completed it, and it is (6)..... on TV in nearly 200 countries.

1 A thought B said C decided

2 A year B day C time

3 A members B crowds C visitors

4 A idea B answer C fact

5 A stayed B took C made

6 A shown B made C held