

How much do you know about the “Highland Games”?

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1. When do the Highland Games take place?

Summer

Autumn

Winter

Spring

2. Who created the Highland Games? Queen Victoria

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3. When was it? 10th century 11th century 12th century

4. Who saved the Highland Games in the 19th century? Queen Victoria

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5. Cite 2 other countries where you can go and watch the Highland Games.

6. Which other competitions take place? Singing Dancing Playing the bagpipe

7. Identify these games

Tossing the caber

Putting the stone

Throwing the Weight for Height

Throwing the Hammer

Tug of War

Bagpipes





III/ The dancing

A/ Match

1/ The Sailor's Hornpipe		a/ It was danced on the eve of battle: clansmen would cross their swords and if they could complete the war dance without touching the swords, it signified that they would be the victors.
2/ The Sword Dance		b/ It is a victory dance performed by soldiers and clansmen on the small round shield carried in battle. The quick precise steps were necessary due to the sharp steel spike projecting from its centre, making one false step rather painful.
3/ The Highland fling		c/ Originally a Celtic dance, it is one of the traditional solo dances of the British Isles. The arm movements imitate many of the actions used by sailors in the days of wooden ships (hauling of ropes, rowing, climbing the rigging and saluting): it imitates a sailor's life aboard ship. The costume worn is based on a British seaman's uniform.