

## 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

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

2. In the Up Helly Aa festival, they burn

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| a wooden man        |
| a Viking boat       |
| a line in the grass |



3. During a pancake race, you have to

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| 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.