

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	Malcom Canmore	
3. When was it?	10 th century	11 th century	12 th century
4. Who saved the Highland Games in the 19 th century?	Queen Victoria	Malcom Canmore	
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





II/ The dancing

A/ Match

1/ The Sailor's Hornpipe 2/ The Sword Dance 3/ The Highland fling	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. 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. 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.
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