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Scottish Traditions



Lena and Ben want to find out, what Scottish traditions are like. They have some information, but not in the correct order. Can you put titles, pictures and texts correctly together?

Titles

Haggis hurling – An unusual sport

The Kirkwall Ba' – A very rough game

Tartan and kilts – Dressing like a Scotsman

Hogmanay – The Scottish new year

Highland Games – Scottish Olympics

Bagpipes – The sound of Scotland

Texts

At these games you will see some very special events. There are some strange and exciting sports, but also music and dancing.

Many sport events are about throwing or tossing heavy things as stones or hammers as far or as high as possible.

Every year at Christmas and New Year, about 300 men and boys meet to play this game. There are almost no rules. The playground is the whole city of Kirkwall.

The goal is to put the ball (ba') against a wall or into the sea.

There are two teams: The Uppies and the Doonies. If your family is from the area which is up the gate you are an Uppie, if your family is from the area down the gate you are a Doonie.

Yes, Scottish men wear skirts. But they must be in a special design. They have a coloured background with vertical and horizontal stripes.

A lot of families have their own design so others would know which family you belong to.

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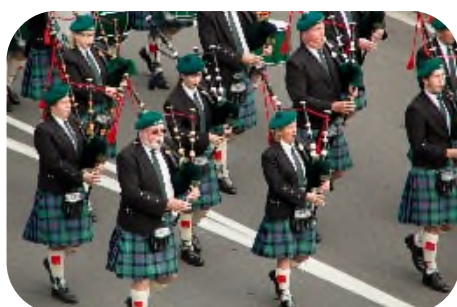
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Throwing around food is normally not a thing to do. But here, it is exactly what people try. Throwing their traditional Scottish food as far as possible. Standing on a (whisky) barrel, you must try and throw it as far as you can. After the event, there is at least something to eat for everybody.

The Scots call their traditional instrument “a' phìob mhòr”. It is played in Scotland since 1400, mostly in military. Each company had their own piper, so others would know who they are. Today it is played for fun and entertainment.

The last day of the old and the first day of the new year in Scotland. There are many different traditions how to celebrate this. One is the “first-footing”: The first guest in the new year gets a present, mostly something to eat or to drink. That should guarantee good luck for the whole year.

Pictures



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