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## **Cheese-Rolling**

### **Student A**

Read the text below about the unusual English sport of Cheese-Rolling. You have some information missing from your text. Ask your partner questions using the six hints below to find out the missing details and write these in the gaps.

The Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling is an event which takes place every year in <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Cooper's Hill, near Gloucester in England. The competition started over <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago, and traditionally all of the participants came from the local village of Brockworth. Nowadays, however, people come from <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the championship or simply to watch.

The rules of the contest are very simple. A round of Double Gloucester cheese is rolled from the top of the hill, and contestants race down the hill after it. The first person over the finish line at the bottom of the hill wins

<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In theory, the competitors are trying to catch the cheese, but as it can reach speeds up to 70mph (112 k/h), this is really impossible! <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the current champion and record-holder; he has won the contest six times.

Because <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, the sport is very dangerous and every year, there are many injuries, including twisted ankles, broken bones and concussion!

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1 Which month? 2 How many years? 3 Where from? 4 Prize? 5 Who? 6 Why?

#### **Student B**

Read the text below about the unusual English sport of Cheese-Rolling. You have some information missing from your text. Ask your partner questions using the six hints below to find out the missing details and write these in the gaps.

The Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling is an event which takes place <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ in May at Cooper's Hill, near Gloucester in England. The competition started over 200 years ago, and traditionally all of the participants came from the local village of <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Nowadays, however, people come from all over the world to take part in the championship or simply to watch.

The rules of the contest are very simple. A round of <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ cheese is rolled from the top of the hill, and contestants race down the hill after it. The first person over the finish line at the bottom of the hill wins the cheese.

In theory, the competitors are trying to catch the cheese, but as it can reach speeds up to 4\_\_\_\_\_, this

is really impossible! Chris Anderson is the current champion and record-holder; he has won the contest <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ times.

Because the hill is very steep and uneven, the sport is very dangerous and every year, there are many injuries, including twisted ankles, broken bones and <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_!

1 How often? 2 Which village? 3 Type of cheese? 4 How fast? 5 How many times? 6 What injuries?

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#### **Discussion questions**

- 1 Why do you think people take part in competitions like this?
- 2 Do you think it would be interesting to be a spectator at a Cheese-Rolling contest?
- 3 Would you like to participate in a Cheese-Rolling event?