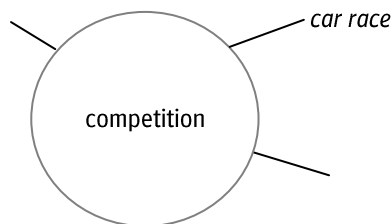


A funny competition

1 What kinds of competition do you know and what do you do in a competition?



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1 Every year on the Spring bank holiday (the last
2 Monday in May) a quite funny event can be
3 watched in Gloucestershire: the Cooper's Hill
4 Cheese Rolling.

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6 Since the middle of the 19th century, the village of
7 Brockworth in the County of Gloucestershire in
8 South West England has been known for its cheese
9 rolling race, the Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling. Some
10 even say that this event goes back to Roman times.

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12 Originally, the event was for the people who lived in
13 this village. In the course of time the event has
14 become more and more popular and people from all
15 over the world are now among competitors and
16 spectators.

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18 The cheese wheel that is used is a Double
19 Gloucester hard cheese. The cheese weighs about 9
20 lb (about 4 kilos) and is supplied by a local
21 cheesemaker. At the start it is decorated with ribbons. During the
22 Second World War, when food was rationed, a wooden wheel with a
23 small piece of cheese in its centre was used instead.

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25 The race itself looks like this: The cheese is rolled from the top of
26 the hill, and immediately competitors run after it and chase it. Their
27 aim is to catch the cheese. However, this is almost impossible as the
28 cheese wheel is ahead of the runners and reaches speeds up to 70
29 mph (112 km/h). So the winner is the person who first passes the
30 finishing line getting the cheese as a prize.

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32 The race is not without risks. Spectators may be hit
33 or even knocked over by the cheese rolling down the
34 hill. Therefore, for safety reasons, in the 2013 race
35 foam wheels were used instead. But the prize was a
36 cheese wheel.

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38 For more information go to the website

39 <http://www.cheese-rolling.co.uk>

40 A video at the bottom of this site shows the fun that
41 competitors and spectators are having.



Double Gloucester cheese © [Jon Sullivan](#)
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Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling 2013 © [Dave Farrance](#)
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3 Mark those parts in the text that answer the following questions:

- a. What is the funny competition called?
- b. In which region of England does it take place?
- c. Where is the cheese wheel rolled from?
- d. What is the competitors' aim?
- e. Who is the winner?

4 Would you like to watch this funny competition yourself? Why? Why not?

- a) Yes, I would like to watch the competition because...

- b) No, I'd never watch the competition because...

5 Would you like to learn about more funny competitions?

You'll find some on <http://www.esquire.com/the-side/feature/funny-competitions-031610#slide-1>. Are there any you'd like to watch or take part in yourself?

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Solution:

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- a. Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling (lines 3-4)
- b. near the village of Brockworth in the County of Gloucestershire in South West England (lines 7-8)
- c. from the top of the hill (lines 25-26)
- d. to catch the cheese (line 27)
- e. the person who first passes the finishing line (lines 29-30)

4. For example:

- a) Yes, I would like to watch the competition because it's so funny and very British...
- b) No, I'd never watch the competition because it's too risky and you shouldn't waste food...