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The World's Most Absurd Festivals

My name is: _____

1. Listen and choose the correct words to fill the gaps. Choose a) or b).

Have you ever thrown **(1) ...** at your friends or chased a giant cheese down a hill? Around the world, people celebrate special events in different ways. Some festivals are **(2) ...** , creative, and even a little bit crazy! Let's look at some of these unusual festivals.

Tomatoes and cheese

Perhaps the messiest festival is La Tomatina in **(3) ...** . Every year, thousands of people come to the town of Buñol to take part in a huge tomato fight. Participants throw ripe tomatoes at each other and the streets turn **(4) ...** . The festival is messy but very exciting, and many tourists travel to Spain just to join the fun. Another crazy festival is the Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling Festival in Brockworth, England. Every year, a large wheel of **(5) ...** is rolled down a steep hill. Hundreds of people run after it, trying to catch it. Many fall over before they reach the bottom. The **(6) ...** ? They get the cheese as a prize.

Harry Potter Festival

Another unusual event is the Harry Potter Festival. These festivals take place in different **(7) ...** like the USA, England, France, and also in Austria. They are based on the famous books, stories, and films by J.K. Rowling. Visitors come dressed up as wizards (the Harry Potter **(8) ...** is the most popular one!) or witches, play magical games, and enjoy activities like playing Quidditch. Even though they cannot really **(9) ...** around on broomsticks, fans of all ages come together to share their love of the world of magic.

1.	☐ **a)** potatoes	☐ **b)** tomatoes
2.	☐ **a)** crazy	☐ **b)** funny
3.	☐ **a)** England	☐ **b)** Spain
4.	☐ **a)** green	☐ **b)** red
5.	☐ **a)** bread	☐ **b)** cheese
6.	☐ **a)** winner	☐ **b)** loser
7.	☐ **a)** places	☐ **b)** countries
8.	☐ **a)** story	☐ **b)** costume
9.	☐ **a)** fly	☐ **b)** jump

2. Listen and tick only the phrases that you can hear.

Carry your wife

1.	☐ **a)** Have you ever heard ...	☐ **b)** Have you ever seen ...
2.	☐ **a)** to finish last	☐ **b)** to finish first
3.	☐ **a)** from many countries	☐ **b)** from many places
4.	☐ **a)** At the end ...	☐ **b)** In the end ...
5.	☐ **a)** in the world	☐ **b)** in the desert

Words & Phrases

art = Kunst
based on = basieren auf
bottom = Ende des Hügels
broomstick = Besenstil
to celebrate = feiern
to chase = verfolgen, nachlaufen
competitor = Konkurrent
desert = Wüste
exciting = aufregend
fight = Kampf
giant = riesig
to join = mitmachen
messy = schmutzig
obstacle = Hürde
participant = Teilnehmer
ripe = reif
to share = teilen
steep = steil
to throw = werfen
unique = einzigartig
wheel of cheese = Käselaib
witch = Hexe
wizard = Zauberer

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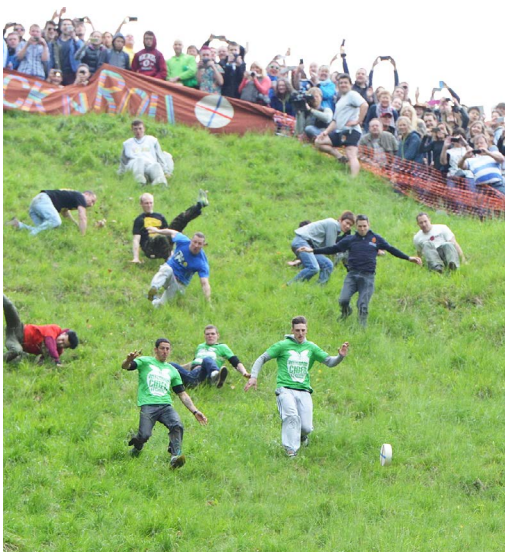


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