

## Before you watch

1 Work in groups. Look at the photo and discuss the questions. Use the words in the glossary to help you.

1 What are the people doing?

2 Why do you think they are doing this?

3 Do you think they enjoy doing this?

2 Complete the summary with words from the glossary.

Most towns have their own <sup>1</sup>..... However, one town in England has a very unusual one: the annual cheese-rolling <sup>2</sup>..... At the start, the <sup>3</sup>..... wait at the <sup>4</sup>..... of Cooper's Hill. Then someone pushes a wheel of cheese down the <sup>5</sup>..... slope. The competitors run after the cheese. The winner is the first person who gets to the <sup>6</sup>..... of the hill. The <sup>7</sup>..... is the wheel of cheese. The race can be dangerous, for the competitors and the <sup>8</sup>..... One year a wheel of cheese went into the crowd and thirty people were <sup>9</sup>!..... Nowadays there are <sup>10</sup>..... to protect the crowd.

## While you watch

3 Watch the video and check your answers from Exercise 2.

4 Watch the video again. Put these people and events in the order you see them.

a Doctors helping an injured person.

b People clapping to encourage the competitors.

c Someone carrying a British flag.

d A Japanese man with blond hair talking.

e Craig Brown holding up the cheese.

f The view from the top of Cooper's Hill.

5 Watch the video again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 The race is more than 200 years old.

2 The cheese travels at more than forty miles an hour.

3 Competitors have to catch the cheese before it reaches the bottom of the hill.

4 Craig Brown works in a pub.

5 There is no protection for spectators.

6 The race is dangerous for competitors when the weather is cold.

7 You can only compete once a day.

## After you watch

6 Roleplay an interview with Craig Brown

Work in pairs.

Student A: You are a journalist for *National Geographic*. Use the ideas below to prepare questions to ask Craig Brown.

Student B: You are Craig Brown. Look at the ideas below. Think about what you are going to say to the journalist.

- age
- interests
- why you take part in the race
- how many times you have taken part
- if you have ever been injured

Act out the interview. Then change roles and repeat the interview.

7 At the end of the video, the narrator says: 'It's more than just cheese that makes people want to win.' What does she mean?

8 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- 1 What kind of people do you think take part in the race?
- 2 Would you like to take part in the race? Why? / Why not?
- 3 Would you go to watch the race? Why? / Why not?
- 4 Do you have any unusual traditional races in your country? What are they and why are they popular?

**accident** (n) /'æksɪdənt/ an event where a person is hurt unintentionally

**balance** (n) /'bæləns/ a position in which your body stays in an upright position

**bottom** (n) /'bɒtəm/ the lowest part of a thing or place

**competitor** (n) /kəm'petɪtə/ a person who takes part in a sporting event

**crash barrier** (n) /'kræʃ bə'riə/ an obstacle that stops people being hurt

**crazy** (adj) /'kreɪzi/ mad

**crowd** (n) /kraʊd/ a large group of people

**fall** (v) /fɔ:l/ be unsuccessful

**ground** (n) /graʊnd/ what is under your feet when you are outside

**injured** (adj) /'ɪndʒəd/ hurt

**protect** (v) /pra'tekt/ keep someone or something safe

**prize** (n) /praɪz/ something given to a person who is successful in a competition

**race** (n) /reɪs/ an event to see who can go the fastest

**slope** (n) /sləʊp/ the side of a mountain or hill

**spectator** (n) /spek'teɪtə/ a person who watches a sporting event

**steep** (adj) /sti:p/ going up or down at a sharp angle

**top** (n) /tɒp/ the highest part of a thing or place

**traditions** (n pl) /trə'dɪʃənz/ things that people have done for a long time

**wheel** (of cheese) (n) /wi:l/ a round object