



While reading

Key words

- passed down transmitidas
- impress the crowds impresionar
- fete celebración al público
- pagan pagano
- bizarre extraño

Strategy in mind

- Look for specific information.

Smart reading

- Lee el texto poniendo atención en las palabras destacadas. Unelas con uno de los siguientes ejemplos lo cuales contienen sus sinónimos.
 - Personally I think that every single country must have a peculiar tradition or custom.
 - Those traditions have been inherited through the years by the members of the family.
 - It is said that Easter has heathen roots.
 - These traditional dancers can be found at different festivals along the coast, performing in order to delight people.
- Encuentra estos números en el texto e indica a que se refieren.
 - 14th
 - 9lb
 - 15th
 - 500

9 únicas tradiciones Británicas que debes experimentar en el Reino Unido.

9 Uniquely British traditions you must experience in the UK

(Extract)

All across the year, we have an array of festivals, events and gatherings that mark particular points of history in the UK – Most will guarantee you an awesome time, while others are downright funny and **bizarre!**

- 1. British Morris Dancing in summer**

The earliest records of Morris Dancing date back to the 15th Century, when “peasants” would dance the evening away! With over 500 years of tradition **passed down** through generations, Morris Dancers can usually be found at most Summer **Fetes**, dressed and dancing to **impress** the crowds! If you ask nicely, they will even let you join in at certain points so that you too can try the tradition!


- 2. British Maypole Dancing on May Day**

Predominant in Britain and other parts of Europe, the Maypole is a tall wooden poll that people traditionally dance around on May Day or Whitsun. The earliest records of Maypole dancing occurred in 14th Century Wales! Historians believe that people danced around the Maypole for a number of reasons:

 - 1) To possibly promote fertility

- 2) To create a symbolic place where local villages (often feuding) could come together in peace, or...
- 3) Due to the Pagan notion of the universe being related to a tree (which I had no idea)!

Whatever the reason, it's great fun...

If you want to join in on the celebrations, head to any large city park, or village fete that will happen around Whitsun, you're almost guaranteed to be dancing by the end of the day!

3. English Cheese Rolling in spring

Yes, as bizarre as it sounds! Cheese Rolling is held every year at Coopers Hill in Gloucester, usually on the annual spring bank holiday – where thousands of people will literally roll and chase a 9lb barrel of Gloucestershire cheese down the hill! It is thought that this festival comes from the **Pagan** celebrations for the end of winter, whereby barrels and burning bush would be rolled down the hill. Anyone can choose to take part... just be prepared to have a tumble!



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Your analysis

1. Responde las siguientes preguntas.
 - a. Where are Morris dancers found nowadays?
 - b. What is a Maypole?
 - c. What were the reasons for dancing around the Maypole?
 - d. Where is the Cheese Rolling competition held?
 - e. What was the origin of Cheese Rolling?
2. Lee las siguientes oraciones e indica si la información es verdadera, falsa o no aparece.
 - a. It is possible to find festivals in the UK during the whole year.
 - b. People can even dance with Morris dancers, if they invite them.
 - c. Only adults can participate in Morris dancing.
 - d. Maypole dancing is exclusively a UK tradition.
 - e. The Cheese Rolling event is held on the first day of spring.
 - f. Cheese Rolling participants must pay to participate in the competition.

Reflexiona y responde lo siguiente.

Make text-to-world connections

- Do you think *La Tomatina* in Spain or *The Haka* in New Zealand are strange customs? Support your answers.
- Would you dare to take part of The Cheese Rolling event or *La Tomatina*?

Make text-to-self connections

- Do you think Chileans have any "bizarre" customs or traditions?