

1 Grammar

Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in brackets.

1. 'Where's Lynne?' 'She _____ (go) to Cuba. She'll be back next week.'
2. Mike _____ (work) in his study. Shall I call him for you?
3. If I had the chance to live abroad, I _____ (go).
4. I'm sorry. I think I _____ (break) your camera when I dropped it!
5. I would have said 'hello' if I _____ (see) you!
6. I _____ (have) lunch every day with Clare in the canteen – I really enjoy talking to her.
7. 'Didn't you hear the phone ring?' 'No, sorry. I _____ (listen) to music.'
8. She told me she _____ (want) to meet me the next day.
9. Between 1984 and 1986 Patricia Cornwell _____ (write) three novels.
10. You will get your results in a month – a letter _____ (send) to your house.
11. He _____ (work) at the company for years, and he still loves it.
12. When I got home, I saw that somebody _____ (break) one of my windows.
13. I'll wait until she _____ (get) here and then we'll come over together.



2 Reading

Read the text below and then do the tasks accompanying.

Cheese rolling

Need more excitement in your life? Maybe it's time **to take up** an extreme sport!

Extreme sports are activities that involve a high amount of danger and excitement. Each year they are becoming more and more popular, but why? Some examples of extreme sports include base jumping, ice climbing, cave diving, and ... cheese rolling?!



No one knows exactly how it started, but Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling Race is an **annual** event that **has taken place** for over 100 years. The name comes from Cooper's Hill where the 'sport' takes place, just outside the village of Brockworth, England.

It's as silly as it sounds – a wheel of cheese is thrown down a hill while a group of people **chase after** it, trying to be the first to catch it or reach the bottom of the hill. The cheese weighs around 7 lbs (just over 3kg) and picks up a lot of speed travelling down the very steep **slope**. If you win, you get to keep the cheese, and if you come second or third you'll **receive** £10. Incredibly, the event has become so popular that people travel from all over the world **to take part** – even from as far away as Canada and Australia.

But what makes the sport so extreme, and why has the local council tried **to ban** the tradition? **Injuries** – and lots of them. The hill is so steep that it's not actually possible to run down it. Instead, you fall, bounce and roll your way to the bottom. Ambulances arrive at the event before the race even starts in preparation for all those who will need a trip to the hospital.

Tasks

1 Choose three from the highlighted words and explain them in English.

2 True or false?

1. You can try cheese rolling if you need an adrenaline rush.
2. The first event was organised in 1956.
3. You have to push a wheel of cheese up a hill.
4. The winner gets a small amount of money.
5. If you take part in this competition you may get injured.

3 What do you think of cheese rolling? Would you try it? Which extreme sport would you most like to try, and why?



