



SCOTTISH TRADITIONS



1 Guess and circle the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 A "kilt" is a a. dress b. skirt c. hat
- 2 "Haggis" is a type of a. drink b. food c. dance
- 3 "Bagpipes" are a. a bag soldiers use b. a popular cigarette c. a musical instrument

2 Now read the letter and check your answers to Exercise 1.



Dear Paolo,

I can't believe I'm here at summer school in Scotland. I wish you were here, too. Scotland is a wonderful place. At school we learn English, and also about different aspects of Scotland. Yesterday, we learnt about some strange Scottish traditions! I'm sure you know that Scottish men wear a special skirt called a "kilt". But do you know why the kilt has got a kilt pin in it? A queen called Queen Victoria saw some soldiers wearing kilts. One of the soldiers was very embarrassed because the wind was lifting up his kilt! The queen took a pin from her own dress and put it in the soldier's kilt. From that time on Scottish men wear kilt pins in their kilts.

We had a special meal last night and ate Haggis! Haggis is a traditional Scottish food. It's made from small pieces of meat mixed with flour, salt and pepper. It's cooked in a sheep's stomach! I didn't like it very much (Italian food is much better!). Last night I also heard bagpipes! Bagpipes are the national musical instrument here. They are made of sheepskin and have got five pipes. The player holds the bagpipes and blows into the bag. Then the air comes out through the pipes and makes sounds! It was very loud, but interesting!

I'm going to a disco now. I'll write again soon.

With love,
Your friend,
Maria

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Maria learning at summer school? 3 What is Haggis made from?
- 2 What do the Scottish men wear? 4 How do you play the bagpipes?



Answers

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- 1**
- 1 skirt
 - 2 food
 - 3 a musical instrument
- 3**
- 1 Maria is learning English and also about Scotland.
 - 2 They wear a kilt.
 - 3 It's made from meat, flour, salt and pepper and is cooked in a sheep's stomach.
 - 4 A player needs to blow into the pipe and squeeze air out of the bag.