

Worksheet

Folk Football

EXERCISE A Main Idea

Watch the report without sound and take notes. Then listen and add more notes. What do you think is the main idea of the report?

Pictures

Sound

EXERCISE B Vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word. Then explain the meaning.

1. 'The legend, whether true or not, is still _____ year in year out by the people of Kirkwall...'
2. 'The game itself is _____ similar to other long-abandoned folk matches played ...'
3. Their struggle for the ball, or 'baa' is deeply _____.'
4. '...they were mostly farmers, that would bring good _____, particularly good potatoes.'
5. '...every New Year's Eve to see which way the 'baa' had gone so that they could _____ whether or not there ...'
6. 'In terms of _____, there are no rules, it's hard...'

EXERCISE C True or False

Listen to the report and decide whether the following are true or false. Give reasons for your answer.

1. T / F The game of 'baa' no longer takes place in the village of Kirkwall.

2. T / F The whole of the village was used to play the game.

3. T / F If the 'up-the-gates' won they would throw the 'baa' into the sea for good luck.

4. T / F The result of the game was also important for a small Norwegian town.

5. T / F The game was never really that violent

EXERCISE D Grammar - references

Listen to the report and decide what the underlined words refer to.

1. One goal was generally all it took to win the game, although that could take a whole day...

2. In Kirkwall two sides compete: the 'up-the-gates' and the 'down-the-gates'. Their struggle for the ball,...

3. ... the 'baa', (a) which was a fertilising influence of the sun - it was the sun and its fertilising influence - and they threw (b) it into the waters of the harbour then (c) that would bring good fishing.