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Sample Independent listening task 1 – Cheese rolling

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a talk about a festival in England. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about the festival. Are you ready?

The task will play twice.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Audio script

There's an unusual Cheese Festival in the south of England. It has taken place in the month of May. They use the local hard cheese, because it's in the shape of a wheel. This means that people can push it down a hill. The cheese weighs about five kilos, so it moves fast. People take the cheese to the top of a hill. This is where the race begins. The cheese goes 200 metres to the bottom of the hill, and the competitors run after it. People always fall over because the hill is so steep. The first person to catch the cheese is the winner. Nowadays, people come from all over the world for this festival. Recent winners have been a woman from America, and a man from Japan. People have wanted to cancel the race because the weather is too wet. But it hasn't happened yet.

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.

	Question	Answer
1	Where does the festival take place?	South of England
2	When does the festival happen?	In May
3	What shape is the cheese?	Round/a wheel
4	What does the winner have to do?	Run after/catch the cheese
5	Who has won the race recently?	American woman/man from Japan
6	Why have people wanted to cancel the festival?	Wet weather