

UK Summer Sports

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1. Read

The summer weather in the UK isn't fantastic for getting a suntan, but it's ideal for playing sports. The UK has a long tradition of summer sports like tennis, boating and horse shows. Wimbledon is an international tennis tournament held every year in June and July, in Wimbledon, north London. People travel from all over the world to watch the matches and to eat the famous strawberries and cream - Did you know that every year visitors to Wimbledon eat more than 28,000 tonnes of strawberries during the fortnight long event?

The Henley Regatta is a major rowing event that takes place on the River Thames every summer. The main course is 2112 metres long and runs through Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. There are a 20 different kinds of events over 5 days and rowers from all over the world enter the competition.

The Royal Windsor Horse Show is the world's largest outdoor show. The event is held every year in May, in the grounds of Windsor Castle, one of Queen Elizabeth's residences. International competitors take part in events such as jumping and dressage. There are approximately 3500 entries in the competition.

All of these events are very important on the international sporting calendar and bring vast numbers of visitors to the UK every summer.

2. Write the name of the event next to each number.

- a. Twenty eight thousand.
- b. two
- c. two thousand one hundred and twelve.
- d. twenty
- e. five
- f. three thousand five hundred.

3. Look at this rowing chant. Chants are used to help teams co-ordinate rhythmic movements.

Let's get rowing 1-2-3

Keep on moving

Left with me

Let's get rowing 1-2-3

Keep on moving

Right with me

4. Imagine you are taking part in the Henley Regatta. Write your own rowing chant.

Teachers Notes.

2. a. Wimbledon b.Wimbledon c.Henley d.Henley e.Henley f. Windsor