

4. Compare driving in Britain and in Belarus.

1. In Britain people drive on the left. *In Belarus we drive on the right.*
2. The steering wheel is on the right in British cars.
3. The accelerator (gas pedal) is on the right.
4. The gears and almost always the handbrake (parking brake) are operated with the left hand.
5. Most modern cars in Britain are automatic.
6. All motorists must wear front seat belts in Britain. The minimum age for driving a car in the UK is 17, and 16 for riding a moped or motorbike.



Traditions on the British roads (crossword)

5. Write information for foreign visitors to Belarus about driving on the roads.

Lesson 2. How are traditions broken?

1. Traditions are usually long living, but sometimes they are broken. Why or how are they broken? Brainstorm possible situations with the whole class.

2a. Read the fact file and the tasks (A–E). Listen to the conversations between a BBC spokesperson¹, a programme producer, a show presenter, and Tony Evans, head of the Olney pancake committee, part by part. Pause to do the tasks.

British fact file

Olney, Bucks², is a small market town, which is world-famous for its historic Shrove Tuesday³ pancake race, which started in 1445 and has only been open to women over 18 who have lived in the town for at least three months.

A. Choose what the talk is about.

3 February 2010.

1. The BBC spokesperson suggests organising a children's pancake race.

¹ **spokesperson** ['spəʊks,pɜːs(ə)n] – представитель (организации);

² **Bucks** – краткое название графства Бакингемшир; ³ **Shrove Tuesday** [ˌʃrəʊv 'tʃuːsdeɪ] – вторник на масленой неделе

2. The BBC spokesperson suggests filming the children's pancake race at Olney.

B. Answer the questions.

10 February 2010.

1. Who is Tony Evans speaking to?

2. Why is Tony Evans angry?

3. Who says the following: "What a shame!¹ And I can't help being really angry. This is serious ['sɪəriəs]."

"I understand the problem. I'll try to sort it out. I'll call you back later."



C. Choose the summary of the talk.

The producer of the children's BBC TV show "Blue Peter" offers its presenter, Joel Defries, an opportunity to challenge his sporting abilities and

1) run in the Olney female pancake race.

2) go kayaking ['kaɪækɪŋ] in the Amazon with his female co-presenter Helen Skelton.



D. Explain Mr Evan's words.

You've presented me with a dilemma: either I will have to let everyone down (подвести всех) and say "Blue Peter" are not coming, or I will have to break with tradition.

E. Answer the questions.

17 February 2010.

1. Which place did Joel take?

2. Who came in first in the race?



¹ What a shame! – Какая жалость!

2b. Why was the 565-year pancake race tradition broken? Give a short answer (2–3 sentences).

3.  Read two conversations and compare the grammar forms.

1

Programme Producer: Hi, Joel. I've got a task to challenge your sporting abilities. You'll **have to** run in the Olney Pancake race this year. We **have promised** to come to Olney next week, and the people at Olney **have widely advertised**¹ the fact. What if we come and film you running in the race. What do you think?

Joel Defries: All right! I'm cool with it. I **think I won't win** because that **will be** unfair to women.

2

Programme Producer: Hi, Barbara. I've talked to Joel. I **said I'd got** a task to challenge his sporting abilities. I explained he'd **have to** run in the Olney Pancake race this year, because we **had promised** to come to Olney the next week, and the people at Olney **had widely advertised** the fact.

BBC spokesperson: And what did Joel say?

Programme Producer: He was cool with it. He **thought** he **wouldn't win** because that **would be** unfair to women.

Grammar focus

A. Past Perfect

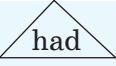

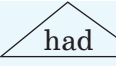

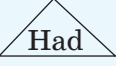

I've got a task to challenge your sporting abilities (*Present Perfect*).

I **said I'd got** a task to challenge his sporting abilities, because we **had promised** to come to Olney the next week.

'd got = had got

said – past action, **had got, had promised** – actions before another past action

¹ **advertise** ['ædvətaɪz] – рекламировать

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(hadn't)
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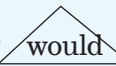

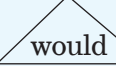

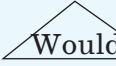

B. Future Simple-in-the-Past

I **think** I **won't win** because that **will be** unfair to women.
(Future Simple)

He **thought** he **wouldn't win** because that **would be** unfair to women.

I explained he'd **have to** run in the Olney Pancake race.

'd have to = would have to

+ (S)  would  V ... - (S)  would not  V ...
(wouldn't)
?  Would (S)  V ... ?

C. Usually sentences with Past Perfect and Future Simple-in-the-Past are complex sentences with object clauses.

See "Grammar reference" on pages 259–260.

4a. Complete the talks. Use the correct verb forms. Work in pairs, then check with the whole class.

A

BBC spokesperson: What did you tell Tony Evans?

Programme Producer: I said we (1. *come*), and we now (2. *have to*) make a big thing of it. There (3. *be*) a male presenter running in the race.

Tony sounded (звучал) a bit angry when he said that since 1445, the race (4. *be open*) to women over 18 who (5. *live*) in the town for at least three months. He said I (6. *present*) him with a dilemma: he either (7. *have*) to let everyone down and say "Blue Peter" were not coming, or he (8. *have to*) break with tradition.

B

Natalie: Have you watched the report about the Olney pancake race today?

Alesya: No, I haven't. And?

Natalie: The reporter said the BBC

(1. *break*) the 565-year pancake race tradition. He explained that in the morning Joel Defries, a 24-year-old TV presenter of the popular children's TV show "Blue Peter",

(2. *put on*) a blonde wig, a scarf and apron to run in the race. It was good he (3. *not to win*) the race.

Alesya: And who was the winner?

Natalie: Jane Hughes. She said it was a fantastic day. She was pleased so many people (4. *run*) in the race.

Alesya: I am sure it's exciting!



4b.  Write down the completed talks.

Lesson 3. Is it worth breaking traditions?

1. "BBC breaks 565-year pancake tradition" was the title in Olney newspapers. Why? Remember as many facts as you can in three minutes. Who could remember more facts?

2a. The decision to allow¹ a non-resident man to take part in the world-famous pancake race was widely discussed in Olney mass media. Read and compare part of the interview with OlneyOnline and its written Internet version.

OlneyOnline correspondent: OK, Joel.

Let's go back a week. *Your programme producer tells you: "You'll have to run in the race."* What's your first reaction?

Joel Defries: I remember I said: "*I do get strange challenges working for the programme. All right! All right! I'm cool with it. I think I won't win because that will be unfair to women.*"



¹ allow [ə'laʊ] – разрешать