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. Krite 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 allow<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>1</sup> **allow** [ə'laʊ] – разрешать

After the interview OlneyOnline wrote:

When the programme producer told the presenter he'd have to run in the race, Joel Defries answered that he did get strange challenges working for the programme. The next moment he was cool with it. And he thought he wouldn't win because that would be unfair to women.

### 2b. Analyse all the grammar forms. Can you guess the rule?

Grammar focus: Sequence of Tenses
[main clause: Past Simple] that (object clause: Past Tenses).
(Present Simple $\rightarrow$ Past Simple)
(Present Continuous $\rightarrow$ Past Continuous)
(Present Perfect $\rightarrow$ Past Perfect)
$(Past Simple \rightarrow Past Perfect)$
(Future Simple $\rightarrow$ Future Simple-in-the-Past)
See "Grammar reference" on pages 260–261.

# **3a.** Put the verbs in the correct tense forms to complete Tony Evans's, head of the Olney pancake committee, interview.

**T** ony Evans, head of the Olney pancake committee explained: "First 'Blue Peter' promised (пообещали) they (1. come) and (2. film) the children's pancake races and (3. put) it on the show. But then they rang and said the producer (4. do) it. I was cross (=angry) as we (5. mention) they were coming in all the newspapers, on TV and on the radio, so I wrote a strong letter to the producer. He said if they came they now (6. have to) make a big thing of it and get the presenter to race and it (7. be) in next week's show."

"It presented me with a dilemma – either I would have to let everyone down and say 'Blue Peter' were not coming, or I would have to break with tradition."

a film – to film to let somebody down – подвести кого-либо

"Over the last few years a lot of the girls have run to collect money for charity and I thought that the BBC (8. *give*) the town *publicity* so I decided to let him run." "I consulted the other members of the committee and it was on condition that (при условии, что) he couldn't win the race and he had to wear a cap and an apron."

## 3b. 🕋 😡 Listen and check.

**3c.** Do you think Tony Evans was right? Discuss in groups. One group is for and the other is against the decision.

3d. Report to the class. What's the dominating opinion?

**4a.** A lot of people in Olney were angry about breaking the tradition which had been around for centuries. Do you agree with them? This is what they said.

"Letting a man in the race means that the traditional idea has been forgotten and thrown away. Sadly the money interest has become predominant," said local resident Geoff Bacchus ['bækəs].

predominate (v) – predominant (adj)

Another resident Sally Harris, 48, added: "It's a real shame this ancient tradition has been ruined. This has always been something for the women of the town and now it has all been thrown away. It will never be the same again."

#### 4b. Report the people's opinions.

Geoff Bacchus said that ... Sally Harris added that ...

**5a.** Take part in the interviews. What do you think will happen to the tradition next year? Write your thoughts.

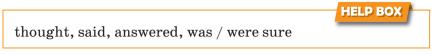
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take part in, attract crowds of people, have a lot of fun, sell a lot of pancakes, make a lot of money, improve the town's budget, improve ..., collect more money for ..., avoid running in a race, attract fewer people

**Model.** I *think* the BBC presenter *will* take part in the pancake race again next year.

#### 5b. Exchange your ideas and report them to the class.

**Model.** Sasha *thought* that the BBC presenter *would* take part in the pancake race again the following year.



5c. Krite 6–8 sentences reporting your classmates ideas.

# Lesson 4. Sporting traditions

**1a.** Alesya has been invited to take part in a typical Easter entertainment – egg hunt – with Natalie's young cousins. Look at the picture and find 6 eggs using the clues.



Look around and you will see – I'm hiding under .... You don't have to go too far – you can find me in this .... Can you climb very high? You might find me near the ...! Stop looking for me in the tree! Can't you see me near the ...! There's no need to look for it in the sand, because I'm hiding it in my ....

To find an egg you're unable? – Look! It's under the ...! When it's done it will be a pleasure to exchange the Easter treasure.