



GREAT BRITISH SPORTING EVENTS!

GREAT BRITAIN

CONSISTS OF FOUR PARTS

England



Scotland



Wales



Northern Ireland



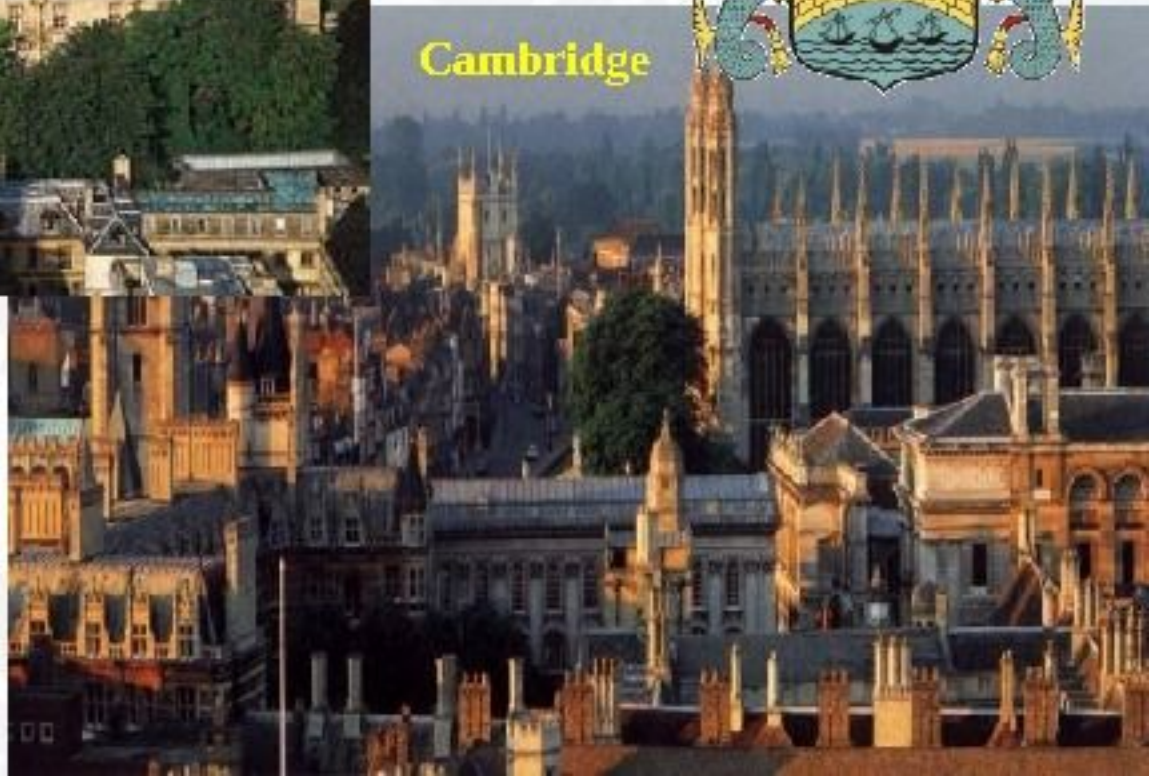
Oxford / Cambridge

Oxford and Cambridge are the oldest University cities in Britain.

Oxford



Cambridge





Cambridge, Oxford



The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race – *rowing race*



- each spring
- the River Thames
- two teams of 9 students
- win the prize and glory not money
- long traditions



The Oxford team wear dark blue uniform and the Cambridge team wear light blue one.



The London Marathon



26 miles (about 42 Km)

The London Marathon is a popular road marathon that has been held each year in London since 1981, usually in April.



The London Marathon

- **The first London Marathon was held on 29 March 1981, when nearly 7,500 athletes participated in the race. The Marathon's popularity has steadily grown since then.**
- **An unusual feature is the very large amounts of money raised for charity, much more than other marathons. According to the race organizers, it is the largest annual fund raising event in the world now.**

A woman in athletic wear is running, shown from the waist up in profile. She is wearing a blue tank top, blue shorts, and a white headband. Her hair is in a braid. The background is a gradient of blue and green with wavy patterns.

East and West

- It is the only Marathon course in the world that is run in two hemispheres, both the East and West, as the full course crosses the Prime Meridian in Greenwich.

Medical cover

- Medical cover is provided mainly by the volunteers of St. John Ambulance. Its members travel from all over the country to care for runners who require medical attention.



- On 16 May 2008 London Marathon Limited signed a new five year sponsorship deal with Virgin and Virgin Money. Virgin spend £17m on the five year deal and is aimed to raise even more money for good causes.

Sponsorship





ROYAL ASCOT

Royal Ascot

- a fashionable British horse-racing event held at Ascot each year in June. Members of the royal family attend some of the races, and many people go there for social reasons rather than sport. The third day of Royal Ascot is usually Ladies' Day, for which many of the women present wear large and elegant hats.

Rich and Famous



**The ladies'
smart hats!**

Ascot is Berkshire's sparkling jewel in the crown of British horse racing



vocabulary

- **Horse** – лошадь
- **Horse racing** – скачки, лошадиные скачки
- **equestrian sport** - конный спорт
- **race course** – ипподром
- **Race** – гонка
- **To ride a horse** - ездить верхом
- **Team** - команда
- **Competition** – конкурс, соревнование

Wimbledon is the center of lawn tennis





Wimbledon is a place in south-west London. Tennis championships have taken place there every year since 1877.



Tradition 1 – the spectators drink champagne and eat strawberries (if they can afford to)



Tradition 2

- – English players do not win. Every year people say that this year Tim Henman will win the men's championship. He never does.



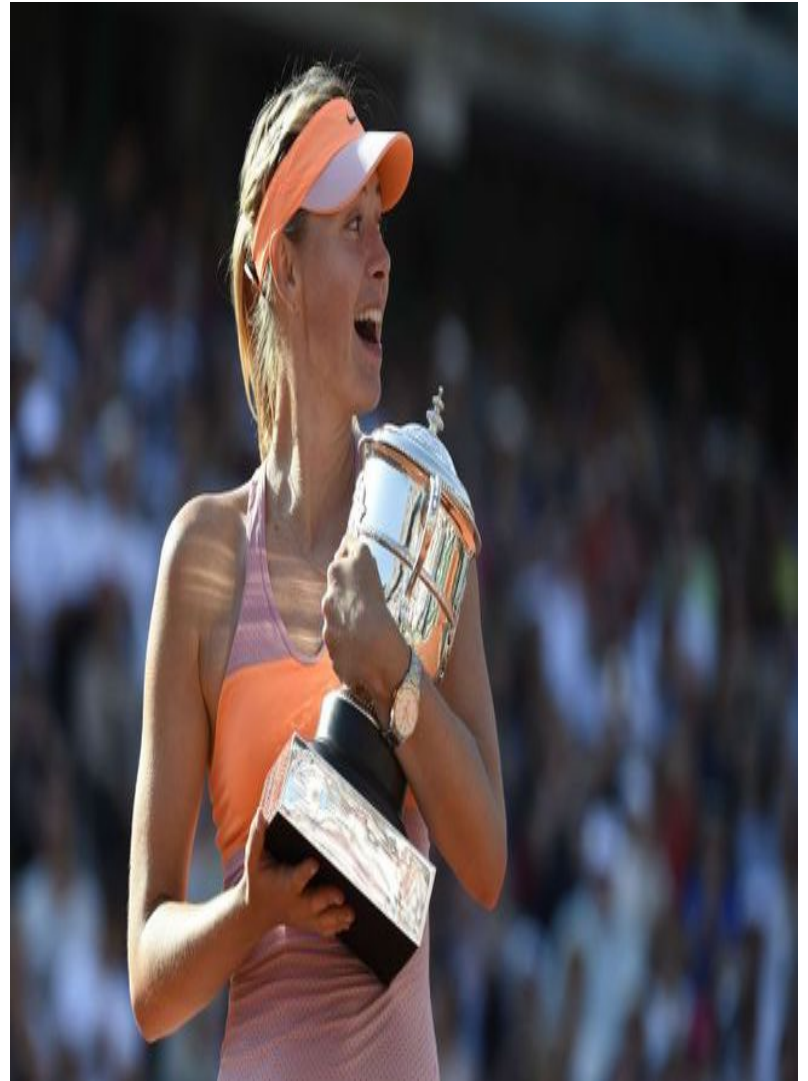
Tradition 3

– it always rains.



Tradition 4

- – the winner of the men's championship gets more prize money than the winner of the women's championship.
- But many people say that this is wrong. Wimbledon is now the only big tennis championship where the prizes for men and women are not the same.



- **The organizers of Wimbledon point out that the men players play matches with 5 sets, while the women play only 3 sets. Therefore it is only fair that the men's prizes are larger. They also say that men's tennis attracts more money from ticket sales and sponsorship, for example, that women's tennis does. But other people dispute this.**
- **I think that the prizes for men and women should be the same. What do you think?**

Wimbledon

- ◆ The last week of July and the first week of June.
- ◆ At Wimbledon in South-West London.
- ◆ One of the four great world tennis championships and the only one which is played on grass.



Maria Sharapova



Vocabulary

- **To play tennis** – играть в теннис
- **Championship** – чемпионат
- **Tournament** – турнир
- **tennis player** – теннисист
- **to compete** - конкурировать, состязаться,
- **Spectator** – зритель
- **Racket** – ракетка
- **tennis ball** - теннисный мяч
- **tennis match**- теннисный матч

Word Formation

verb	noun
To enjoy	
To discover	
To amaze	
To achieve	
To compete	
To depend	

Word Formation

verb	noun
To act	
To excite	
To select	
To collect	
To educate	
To suggest	
To recover	

