

What is Halloween?

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Halloween is a traditional celebration that began in Europe hundreds of



years ago. At that time, some people believed that ghosts of the dead visited the living. Nowadays, it is a special day in several countries around the world, but it is perhaps most popular in Canada and the United States. It always falls on the same date every year: October 31. Around this time, people like to tell scary stories and watch horror

movies. In the evening of October 31, children wear costumes. These are clothes that make them look like ghosts, animals, monsters or people. They might be very funny or they might be quite scary. The costumes often include a face mask or some make-up painted on the person's face. For example, at Halloween you might see a dinosaur or an elephant, a witch with a tall, black hat, or maybe even a ghost. Children then go from house to house and ask for sweets by saying, "Trick or treat?" Older kids and adults also put on costumes and go to Halloween parties. Jack - o' lanterns are very common during this time. A lot of people like to put them in their windows. They are pumpkins with lights inside and faces cut into them. Most people, both young and old, have a lot of fun at Halloween. "Happy Halloween" everyone!

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Halloween is a relatively new celebration.
- 2 It falls on the last day of October.
- 3 Only children wear costumes.
- 4 Children go around houses asking for lanterns.
- 5 Faces are carved into pumpkins.
- 6 Not all costumes are scary.
- 7 People of ages enjoy Halloween.

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