



History of Halloween

Halloween is an ancient Celtic festival. Celtic people were northern European people that lived in the United Kingdom and Ireland 2,000 years ago. Celtic people believed that on the night before the new year, the ghosts of the dead returned to the earth for one night. The people believed, that it was “All Hallows Eve” = Halloween. So they dressed up into costumes and made noise in the streets to make the spirits go away.

Halloween today

Halloween is celebrated on 31st October. It is very popular in many countries, especially in the USA, England, Ireland and Canada. People wear scary costumes like ghosts, skeletons, vampires, mummies or monsters. Today people prefer costumes like pirates, superheroes, animals or cartoons. Children go from door to door in their neighbourhood to ask for treats. Children get for their treats some sweets, chocolates or lollipops.



Children can tell some short rhymes – for example:

KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK!

Knock, knock, knock, here I come,
A bag of flour, a bag of gum,
You can choose, the trick or treat,
Please leave me something sweet to eat.

After “Trick or Treating” , there are Halloween parties with friends. They like playing games likes “Apple Bobbing”. You can watch the video.

People also like carving some pumpkins. They put a candle inside and make a lantern.

EXERCISE 1

When do people celebrate Halloween?

Halloween comes from –

What is a lantern made of?

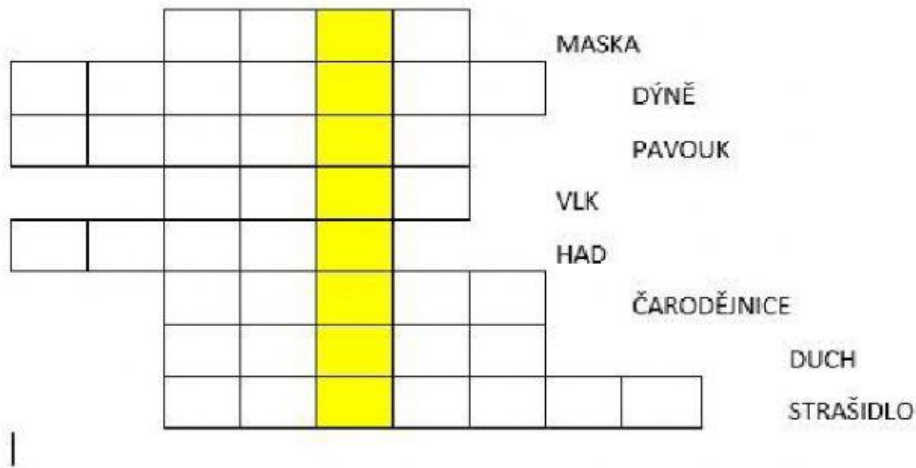
What can you eat on Halloween?

Where do children go on Halloween night?

What do people wear on Halloween night?

The Trick or Treat is about –

EXERCISE 2



EXERCISE 3

Halloween symbols

- 1 An animal which symbolises bad luck.
- 2 A woman with evil magic powers.
- 3 A pumpkin with a face cut in one side.
- 4 A small animal which catches insects in its web.
- 5 A house where ghost often appear.

haunted house

lantern

black cat

witch

spider

Nice vocabulary song for Halloween:

