

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

ALL SOULS' DAY AND SOUL CAKES



The American Halloween tradition of trick-or-treating (1) _____ [PROBABLE] dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the (2) _____ [FEST], poor (3) _____ [CITY] would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in (4) _____ [TURN] for their promise to pray for the family's dead (5) _____ [RELATION].

The (6) _____ [DISTRIBUTE] of soul cakes was (7) _____ [COURAGE] by the church as a way to (8) _____ [PLACE] the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for (9) _____ [ROAM] spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling," was (10) _____ [EVENT] taken up by children who would visit the houses in their (11) _____ [NEIGHBOUR] and be given ale, food and money.

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and (12) _____ [CELT] roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an (13) _____ [CERTAIN] and (14) _____ [FRIGHT] time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people (15) _____ [FEAR] of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry.

On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the (16) _____ [EARTH] world, people thought that they would (17) _____ [COUNTER] ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.

On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food (18) _____ [OUT] their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

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