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# HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a very popular and old festival in both Britain and the USA. It is celebrated on October 31, the night of All Saint's Day.

Halloween originated from the very old Celtic festival of **Samhain**. Hundreds of years ago, in what is now Great Britain and Northern France, lived the **Celts**. October 31 was very important for them, because it was the end of the "season of the sun" and the beginning of "the season of darkness and cold". October 31 was also the eve of the new year. This festival would continue for 3 days. People would lit fires to welcome the new year and frighten the bad spirits. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of the animals. This would be the first Halloween in the history. Roman's **Pomona Day** and Christian holidays; **All Saints** and **All Souls Day** are also related to Halloween.

Over the years **Samhain** become **Halloween** with the Christian ceremonies. Now, Halloween celebrations mostly happen after dark. Children dress up as witches, ghosts and other frightening creatures and try to scare their friends. Some children carry Jack-o-Lanterns and knock on their neighbour's doors saying: **Trick or Treat**.

Typical Halloween foods are; **nuts, popcorn, pumpkin or apple pie, toffee apples and spicy ginger cookies** in the shape of **witches or bats**. These foods are served in the halloween parties.

Answer the questions and fill in the blanks.

1. When is the Halloween celebrated in Britain and USA?

2. Halloween was originated from .....

3. Celts lived in Great ..... and Northern .....

4. Samhain become ..... over the years.

5. How long was the Samhain festival ?

6. Why Samhain was important for Celts?  
Because.....

7. Children dress up as ..... and other ..... creatures in the Halloween.

8. Which one is not the typical Halloween food?  
a) Popcorn  
b) Pizza  
c) Nuts  
d) Pumpkin pie

9. Some children carry ..... and knock on their neighbour's doors saying .....

10. The typical food is served in .....

