

Listening comprehension: The Real Story of Halloween

1) You are going to watch a History Channel documentary called *The Real Story of Halloween*. Answer these questions with true (T) or false (F) while you watch it.

1. The Celtic festival of Samhain is where Halloween started.
2. Irish immigrants helped spread Halloween traditions in the United States.
3. In the past, people in Europe used to carve turnips, not pumpkins, for Jack-o'-lanterns.
4. "Trick-or-treating" comes from an old tradition called "souling."
5. The Romans called Halloween "All Hallows' Day" from the beginning.
6. Only children used to wear costumes in the past.
7. People have always been afraid of poisoned candy during Halloween.

2) Fill in these gaps, using the verbs you have in the box. Remember, you have to change them into the past simple form.

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1. The ancient Celtic festival of Samhain _____ the beginning of Halloween.
2. Irish immigrants _____ Halloween traditions when they moved to the US.
3. In the 20th century, businesses _____ Halloween to make more money by selling costumes _____ and _____ candy.
4. The idea of "trick-or-treating" _____ in the 1930s as a fun way for children to celebrate _____ Halloween.
5. In the past, people _____ dress up in costumes to scare away spirits.