



HALLOWEEN



Reading Part

Halloween, the time of pumpkins, candies, ghosts, witches and much more, is annually celebrated on 31 October. The word "Halloween" means "Hallowed night" or "Holy evening". It is because Halloween occurs at the night before All Saints Day. Halloween was started by the Celts who lived 2000 years ago in an area which is now known as Ireland. The Celts celebrated their new years on the first of November, the day which marked the end of summer and the beginning of dark cold winter. They believed that the night before the new year, the ghosts would come to the world of living, and the boundaries between the two worlds would blur. Hence to protect themselves, they celebrated the festival of Samhain on the 31 of October, known as Halloween nowadays. People would wear costumes and light bonfires to ward off ghost.

Question 1: How often is Halloween celebrated?

Question 2: What does "Halloween" mean?

Question 3: Who started Halloween?

Question 4: Why did the Celts celebrate their new year on the first of November?

Question 5: What would the Celts do to celebrate the festival of Samhain (known as Halloween nowadays?)

Question 6: How do people make Jack-o-lanterns from pumpkins?

Part C – Reading Cloze

(PET Part 5, 8 gaps)

A Strange Night at School

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space.

- There is **one word missing** in each gap.
- For each gap (1–8), choose the correct word (A, B, C or D).
- Write your answers on the lines.



Last Friday, my class stayed late at school for a Halloween event. The teachers decorated the hall with pumpkins, candles, and bats. Everyone was excited (1) _____ the lights suddenly went out.

We all stopped talking. "What's happening?" asked Tom. We could hear a strange (2) _____ in the corridor. It was getting (3) _____. Finally, we decided to walk together.

At the end of the corridor, we saw an (4) _____ classroom. A window was open, and the curtains were moving. We were very (5) _____, but we wanted to know the truth.

Suddenly, something jumped in front of us! We shouted, but then we started to (6) _____. It was only Mr Green, our teacher, wearing a vampire costume. He wanted to (7) _____ us a little.

In the end, we all went back to the hall, ate some cake, and played games. It was the most (8) _____ Halloween party ever!

1	A. but	B. so	C. although	D. because
2	A. voice	B. noise	C. word	D. laugh
3	A. stronger	B. longer	C. louder	D. smaller
4	A. empty	B. opened	C. big	D. closed
5	A. happy	B. scared	C. exciting	D. tired
6	A. scream	B. laugh	C. cry	D. smile
7	A. frighten	B. frightening	C. frightens	D. frightened
8	A. bored	B. scared	C. boring	D. exciting