

HALLOWEEN IN IRELAND AND THE USA

Name:

Class:

1 Before you read.

Look at the pictures and the titles. Where do you think Halloween started?

Circle: **Ireland** / the USA / Vietnam



a turnip lantern
Scotland and Ireland



a pumpkin lantern
the USA

2 Listen and read.

AOIFE'S BLOG

HALLOWEEN IN IRELAND

Hi, I'm Aoife and I live in Ireland. Halloween started here more than 2,000 years ago! It was called Samhain. Long ago, people carved scary faces into turnips. They wanted to keep bad spirits away. Last Halloween, my grandad helped me carve a turnip lantern. It was very hard! In the evening, we lit a big bonfire with our neighbours. Then we played a game with apples in a bowl of water. You can't use your hands! My face got very wet, but I got an apple.

JAKE'S BLOG

HALLOWEEN IN THE USA

Hi, I'm Jake and I live in the USA. A long time ago, many families from Ireland and Scotland moved to America. They brought Halloween with them. There were lots of pumpkins in America, and pumpkins are easier to carve than turnips. Last Halloween, I carved a pumpkin with a big smile. I wore a skeleton costume and I went trick-or-treating with my sister. We knocked on twenty doors! We got lots of candy, but my mum only let me eat three pieces.

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3 Read. Circle T (true) or F (false). Correct the false sentences.

1. Halloween started in the USA. T F
2. The old name for Halloween was Samhain. T F
3. Aoife carved a pumpkin last Halloween. T F
4. Jake wore a skeleton costume. T F
5. Jake ate all his candy. T F

4 Answer the questions.

1. Why did people carve scary faces into turnips?
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2. Who helped Aoife with her lantern?
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3. Why did American families use pumpkins?
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4. How many doors did Jake and his sister knock on?
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5 Compare. Complete the table.

	Aoife (Ireland)	Jake (the USA)
Lantern		
Activity last Halloween		
What they got		

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6 Writing focus: Joining sentences with *and* and *but*.

Find one sentence with *but* in each blog. Then join these sentences.

1. I carved a pumpkin. I wore a costume. (**and**)

2. The turnip was hard to carve. I finished my lantern. (**but**)

3. We lit a bonfire. We played games. (**and**)

4. We got lots of candy. I only ate three pieces. (**but**)

7 Write a blog post (40–50 words).

Choose: *My Halloween* or *My Mid-Autumn Festival*. Use *and* and *but* at least once.

MY BLOG

Last, I wore and I went It was but

8 Think-feel-grow.

Aoife's lantern was hard to carve and her face got wet, but she didn't give up.
When did you try something hard? How did you feel at the end? Tell your partner.

Beehive 4 only: work in groups of four with the Reading roles (Predictor, Questioner, Commentator, Summarizer) for Jake's blog.

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