ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN



1 Traditions

Choose the best answer to label each picture below.



a) a suit
b) a costume
c) a uniform

1._____



a) a ghost
b) a skeleton
c) a skull

2. _____



a) a Jack O'Lantern
b) a melon
c) a candle

3._____



a) a corpse
b) a skeleton
c) a skull

4. _____



a) a face
b) a skeleton
c) a skull

5._____



a) a star
b) a full moon
c) a half moon

6. _____

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In pairs, ask and answer the questions below with the words above.

1. What do people do on Halloween?
2. Which object can you see only on Halloween?
3. Which object probably doesn't exist?
4. Which natural event is considered to be 'scary'?
5. If you find a body that is 500 years old, what do you find?

2 About Halloween

Read the text about Halloween. Complete the definitions below with the underlined vocabulary.

Halloween

The scariest day of the year.

Halloween is a celebration that takes place every year in a number of countries on October 31, the day before a Western Christian feast. Halloween is the beginning of the time of year when people remember the dead, including saints (hallows) and martyrs.

According to many scholars, Halloween was initially influenced by Celtic traditions, and it was originally a pagan festival. Other academics say that it has Christian roots.

Typical festive Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending costume parties, decorating, making pumpkins into Jack O'Lanterns, dressing up in skeleton or ghost costumes, playing tricks on people, telling scary stories, and watching horror films.

1. _____ : people who are killed because of their beliefs
2. _____ : specialists in a particular area of study
3. _____ : origins
4. _____ : actions such as ringing somebody's doorbell and running away
5. _____ : asking for sweets or cakes and threatening to play tricks on people who refuse
6. _____ : at first
7. _____ : related to ancient religions that believed in many gods
8. _____ : a large meal celebrating something

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3 Facts about Halloween

Put T (True) or F (False) next to each statement below. Check your answers on the next page.

1. In the United States, more candy (sweets) is sold on October 28 than on any other day of the year.
2. A full moon on Halloween is very common.
3. The first Halloween was in Norway.
4. In the UK, black cats bring bad luck.
5. In the United States, Halloween is the most commercial holiday of the year.
6. In many countries, such as France and Australia, Halloween is considered to be a very commercial American influence.
7. Black and orange are typically associated with Halloween.
8. Jack O'Lanterns are named after a man who was called Jack.
9. Halloween originated around 1000 B.C.

Check your answers below and compare your score with a classmate.

1. True - Over 10% of annual candy sales happen the days leading up to Halloween.
2. False - A full moon is very rare on October 31.
3. False - Ireland is believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.
4. False - Black cats are considered to bring good luck in the UK and bad luck in the US.
5. False - Christmas is the most commercial holiday of the year.
6. True.
7. True - Black and orange are typically associated with Halloween. Orange is a symbol of strength and endurance and black is typically a symbol of death and darkness.
8. True - According to Irish legend, Jack O'Lanterns are named after a stingy man named Jack.
9. False - Scholars say that Halloween originated around 4000 B.C.

4 Talking point

Discuss any of the following questions:

1. Do you celebrate Halloween in your country?
2. Which Halloween traditions do you take part in?
3. What do people think of Halloween in your country?
4. Is Halloween getting more or less popular in your country?
5. Are there any unusual festivals in your country? What do they celebrate?
6. Do you like horror films? Why/Why not?

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