



HALLOWEEN



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Traditions

Label the pictures with the words below.

a bonfire

a Jack O'Lantern

a costume

a skeleton

a full moon

a skull

a ghost / evil spirit

Silly String



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Answer the questions below.

1. What do these images have in common?
2. Which of the traditions or objects may be connected with other festivals as well?
3. Which object is used to keep away evil spirits?
4. Have you ever worn a costume? What was the occasion?
5. Do you have any full moon traditions in your country?



2 All Hallows' Eve

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

Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows' Eve. It is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of a Western Christian feast. It marks the beginning of the time of year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows) and martyrs.

According to many scholars, All Hallows' Eve was initially influenced by Celtic festivals, and it has possible pagan roots. Other academics maintain that it has solely Christian roots.

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

1. _____ : people who are killed because of their beliefs
2. _____ : asking for treats and threatening to play tricks on those who refuse
3. _____ : a short form
4. _____ : tricks played on people in order to make them look foolish and to amuse others
5. _____ : the day or period of time immediately before an event or occasion
6. _____ : related to ancient religions that believed in many gods
7. _____ : a large meal celebrating something

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. In Hollywood, there's a \$1000 fine for using Silly String on Halloween.
3. It's very common for a full moon to occur on Halloween.
4. It is believed that Norway is the birthplace of Halloween.
5. In the UK, black cats are thought to bring bad luck.
6. In the United States, Halloween is the most commercial holiday of the year.
7. In many countries, such as France and Australia, Halloween is seen as an unwanted and overly commercial American influence.
8. Black and orange are typically associated with Halloween.
9. Jack O'Lanterns are named after a man named Jack.
10. Halloween is thought to have 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. True – It is illegal to "possess, use, sell or distribute Silly String" in public areas in Hollywood from 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 31 to noon Nov. 1. Silly String was banned in 2004 because of the mess left on the streets and because of the fights that it provoked.
3. False – A full moon is very rare on October 31.
4. False – Ireland is believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.
5. False – Black cats are considered to bring good luck in the UK and bad luck in the US.
6. False – Christmas is the most commercial holiday of the year.
7. True.
8. 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.
9. True – According to Irish legend, Jack O'Lanterns are named after a stingy man named Jack.
10. False – Halloween is thought to have originated around 4000 B.C.

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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?