

Read the text and insert the letters into the spaces. There are two variants you don't need to use.

Spooky Halloween Traditions and Their Origins

Jack-O'-Lanterns, which originated in Ireland using turnips instead of pumpkins, (1) ____ who repeatedly trapped the Devil and only let him go (2) ____. When he died, however, Jack learned that Heaven didn't really want his soul either, so he was condemned to wander the Earth (3) ____ . The Devil gave Jack a lump of burning coal in a carved-out turnip to light his way. Eventually, locals began carving frightening faces into their own gourds to scare off evil spirits.

With all these ghosts wandering around the Earth during Samhain, the Celts had to get creative (4) ____. To fake out the ghosts, people would use disguises so that they would be mistaken for spirits themselves and left alone.

There is a lot of debate around the origins of trick-or-treating. One theory proposes that during Samhain, Celtic people would leave out food to placate the souls and ghosts and spirits traveling the Earth that night. Eventually, people began dressing up as these otherworldly beings (5) ____ . Some sources argue that our modern trick-or-treating stems from belsnickling, a tradition in German-American communities where children would dress in costume and then call on their neighbors (6) ____. In one version of the practice, the children were rewarded with food or other treats if no one could identify them.

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A in exchange for similar offerings of food and drink;

B are supposedly based on a legend about a man name Stingy Jack;

C are very widely used as a popular Halloween decoration;

D to avoid being terrorized by evil spirits;

E in order to win this game;

F on condition that Jack would never go to Hell;

G to see if the adults could guess the identities of the disguised guests;

H as a ghost for all eternity.



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