Festivals, Customs and Traditions in the UK

Match each Festival, custom or tradition with its definition

This celebrates love.

This celebrates the beginning of the year.

This is a day when we play jokes on other people.

This is the day we say thank you to our mum!

This is an ancient festival which marked the start of winter.

This is the day we say thank you to our dad!

This celebrates an unsuccessful attempt to kill a king.

These are various days when banks and some businesses don't open.

This is when we remember people who have died fighting for us.

| New Year/Hogmanay | | |
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| Mothering Sunday | | |
| Valentine's Day | | |
| Father's Day | | |
| Bonfire Night | | |
| April Fool's Day | | |
| Remembrance Day | | |
| Halloween | | |
| Bank Holidays | | |
| Say True or False (T/F) | | |

- 1. The 31st December, 1st and 2nd January are public holidays in Scotland.
- 2. People don't always sign their Valentine cards.
- 3. Halloween is a recent celebration.
- 4. Children give treats to people at Halloween.
- 5. We have fireworks on 5th November because it's the date that Guy Fawkes killed the King in 1605.
- 6. Three main things happen on Remembrance Day.
- 7. The bank holidays in Northern Ireland are the same as in the rest of the UK.

Vocabulary

Put words into the correct spaces. jokes ancient exchange celebrate pumpkin set off commemorate (there is one extra word)

1. Many people

the New Year on 31st

December.

2. 14th February is when lovers

cards and gifts.

This means they give presents to each other.

3. On 1st April people play

on each other until

midday.

4. Halloween is an

festival, which means it is

very old.

5. A

is a large, round, orange vegetable.

6. On Bonfire Night, many people

fireworks

either at home or in special displays.

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