

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct answer. Write one word for each question.

Halloween is celebrated 1) _____ 31st October every year. It originated 2) _____ a pagan holiday and the Christian holiday of All Saints' Day. The name Halloween is a shortened version 3) _____ All Hallows' Eve. Today, it is more of a fun day 4) _____ children and has largely lost 5) _____ religious roots. Halloween is probably more famous in the USA. Irish immigrants took it 6) _____ America in the mid-1600s and it slowly spread across the country. Halloween is not celebrated in many countries around the world although many people know 7) _____ it. Some Christians are 8) _____ so happy that people celebrate Halloween. They believe the holiday is un-Christian because of its origin 9) _____ a pagan "festival of the dead."

Halloween 10) _____ many easily identifiable symbols. The colours orange and black are widely used. 11) _____ particular, orange pumpkins and fires and black witches, cats and costumes 12) _____ common features of this day. 13) _____ of the biggest Halloween activities is trick-or-treating. This is 14) _____ children knock on doors and ask 15) _____ a small gift. If they don't get anything, they will play a trick 16) _____ the person who opens the door. Food 17) _____ plays an important role on Halloween. Toffee apples are very popular and so is anything made 18) _____ pumpkin. Halloween is a popular topic for Hollywood 19) _____. Many horror films have 20) _____ made about it. Because of this, Halloween is now known in many countries that never actually celebrate it.