

Halloween



Halloween is on October 31st. Halloween has been a festival for more than 2000 years now!

The people at the Celts had a New Year's party on November 1st. They said that the year has two parts: summer and winter. So, when summer ended and winter started, they celebrated.

They thought that in night before winter dead people, witches and ghosts come to the world and play tricks. They wanted that the ghosts, witches, and dead people go away. So, they had costumes to scare them. They cut faces in pumpkins and put candles inside. They said the name of the pumpkins with candles inside is "Jack – o – Lantern".

Today on Halloween children wear costumes. They are ghosts, witches, or skeletons. They go from house to house and say, "Trick or Treat". When people don't give them a treat (sweets) they play a trick.

Teenagers often have Halloween parties- The wear costumes, too. Normally the one with the best costume gets a prize. And there are contents for cutting a scary face into a pumpkin, too.

1. Read the sentences and cross out the wrong information. Write the right word on the line.

- a) Halloween is on October 30th. _____
- b) Halloween is 500 years old. _____
- c) The Celts celebrated when winter ended. _____
- d) The name of the costumes is Jack – o' - Lantern. _____
- e) When children go from house to house they
say "Jack – o – Lantern". _____
- f) Teenagers win a prize for the best party. _____

2. Link the beginnings with the endings.

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| a) The Celts though that | to scare the ghosts away |
| b) The Celts had costumes | pumpkins and put candles inside |
| c) The people cut faces in | started in November. |
| d) For the Celts the New Year | dead people come to the world. |





3. Make an alphabet of Halloween words.

Haunted house – scary alien – bat – Frankenstein – killer – skeleton – tombstone – vampire – night –
Dracula – werewolf – zombie – cemetery – cobweb – evil – costume – dark – lightning – rat – Jack o’
Lantern – autumn – pumpkin – mask – October – trick or treat – ugly – black cat – dungeon – ghost –
orange – blood – midnight – purple – monster – witch – bones – frightened – spell – wizard – spider –
boo – mummy – skull – broom – grave – sweets – invisible – devil – demon – raven

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4. Can you answer the Halloween questions? Work with a partner and find as many answers as possible.

- a) When is Halloween? _____
- b) What is white and scary? _____
- c) What is black and has got eight legs? _____
- d) What does a spider make? _____
- e) Who rides a broom? _____
- f) Who made a famous monster? _____
- g) What do people wear to a Halloween party? _____
- h) What do children say to get sweets? _____
- i) What do ghosts say to scare people? _____
- j) What do you call the stone on a grave? _____
- k) What three colours are typical for Halloween? _____
- l) What do you call a creature from outer space? _____
- m) Who says magic spells? _____
- n) Where do ghosts live? _____
- o) What sound does a cat make? _____

