Unit 9 **FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD**

Week 2

Exercise 1: Listen and complete the text. (Track 17)

HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

A great number of people consider Halloween to be an American holiday. In reality, it (1) ..... from the Celts of Ireland. These days, people do not do what the old Celts did in the past. They do not have a (2) ..... before the winter starts and do not leave their houses cold, without lighting during the night, hoping to stop (3) ..... wanting to live there. It was believed that the souls of dead people could come back if they find a person to stay in. Therefore, wearing (4) ..... and costumes to make the spirits go away, is an old Celtic (5) .....

Today, people and especially children enjoy (6) ..... parties. They dress up as witches, vampires and (7) ..... Children in masks go from house to house and when the door opens, they say: "Trick or (8) .....!" If they do not get sweets, they do something bad like throwing (9) ..... at the house.

The classic symbols of Halloween are horror characters: black cats, spiders, witches, and ghosts and big orange pumpkins. Great Britain and the USA celebrate Halloween every year on the (10) ..... day of October.

Exercise 2: Listen and decide if each statement is true or false. (Track 18)

No.	Statements	T	F
1.	Halloween is not an important festival in the USA	☐	☐
2.	Children like taking part in Halloween events.	☐	☐
3.	James bought his costume in a shop.	☐	☐
4.	Parents usually go with their children to make a trick or treat.	☐	☐
5.	Treats are candies, sweets and cookies.	☐	☐
6.	In Halloween parties children eat sandwiches and drink cola.	☐	☐
7.	Apple bobbing is a game.	☐	☐
8.	Jack-O-Lantern is made from a pumpkin.	☐	☐

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