

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN



More (1) _____ two thousand years (2) _____ the Celts who lived (3) _____ Ireland celebrated a special festival (4) _____ Samhain (5) _____ 1st November. It (6) _____ their New Year celebration. Later 1st November became known (7) _____ All Saints' Day or All Hallows'. The evening (8) _____ All Hallows' became known as Hallows' Eve (9) _____ later Halloween (10) _____ Hallowe'en.

The Celts believed (11) _____ evil spirits would come (12) _____ to harm them (13) _____ Hallows' Eve, so they (14) _____ to dress (15) _____ in costumes to look (16) _____ ghosts (17) _____ that the evil spirits would think (18) _____ were like them and (19) _____ hurt them.

People used to make lanterns (20) _____ carving turnips and putting candles (21) _____ them. (22) _____ many Irish people emigrated (23) _____ America to escape the potato famine of 1846, (24) _____ took the tradition of Halloween (25) _____ them, except that it (26) _____ easier to find pumpkins (27) _____ than turnips and this is (28) _____. Americans used to make their jack-o'-lanterns.

Halloween is (29) _____ a public holiday. It is just a day when people (30) _____ lots of fun.