



Halloween traditions and celebrations.



Listen and fill in.

Halloween is celebrated in the USA, and has become popular in Europe, too. Many children and adults go to Halloween parties, wearing scary costumes and masks.



Costumes.

American children take their costumes and masks to school. Some typical Halloween costumes are 1....., ghosts, skeletons, monsters, vampires and 2..... Many parents make the costumes, but some prefer to 3 them. In the afternoon the children put on their costumes and have a Halloween party at school. Pumpkins, ghosts, witches and bats decorate the school hall and the 4.....



Bobbing for apples

Bobbing for apples is an old 5 game. To play this game you put water and apples in a big 6 The apples stay on top of the water. You must take an apple out of the water with your 7....., but you can't use your hands. It's not easy! Many people get very 8!



Jack-o-lantern.

It is a popular tradition in the USA to buy a big pumpkin and make a jack-o'-lantern. People put their jack-o'-lanterns in front of the windows of their homes or in their gardens. This tradition originated in Great Britain and 9, when people wanted to frighten evil 10 But they didn't use pumpkins then: they used big 11 In the United States there weren't any turnips, so people used pumpkins.



Trick or Treating

Another popular Halloween tradition is 'trick or treating'. This began in the nineteenth century, and was an Irish tradition. Irish 12 brought 'trick or treating' to the United States. Today children and teenagers go 'trick or treating' in the evening. They visit their 13 houses in their costumes. When the door opens they say 'Trick or treat?' People usually give them sweets or money. But when people don't give them a treat, the children play a 14 They sometimes write on 15 with soap or even throw an egg at the front door of the house.



Halloween is not just for children. Many teenagers and adults wear costumes and go to parties on Halloween night.

Fill in: have, decorate, put on, make, play, stay.

..... on top of the water

..... their costumes

..... a party

..... the school hall

..... a trick

..... a jack-o'-lantern



Watch the video and answer the questions.

What do children and adults do on Halloween night?

- A. Stay at home
- B. Go to the parties
- C. Eat out

Bobbing for apples is ...

- A. A game
- B. A show
- C. A costume

What do you use to take an apple out of the water?

- A. Feet
- B. Teeth
- C. Hands

What do the Americans use to make a Jack-o-lantern?

- A. Turnips
- B. Watermelons
- C. Pumpkins

What did the British use to make a Jack-o-lantern?

- A. Turnips
- B. Pumpkins
- C. Beets

Trick or treating is ...

- A. An American tradition
- B. An English tradition
- C. An Irish tradition

1. What costumes do children usually wear on Halloween?
2. What do you need to play "Bobbing for apples"?
3. Why do people make Jack-o-lanterns?
4. How is Halloween celebrated in your country?
5. Do you celebrate Halloween?
6. What is the best costume for Halloween?
7. What vegetable was originally used for jack-o'-lanterns?