

Watch the video about a brief history of Halloween traditions and answer the questions:

A brief history of Halloween traditions

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. to dress up	a. cutting shapes into a pumpkin
2. pumpkin carving	b. related to the Middle Ages (= the period in European history from about 600 to 1500 CE)
3. the Celts	c. a ghost
4. a spirit	d. to put on special clothes
5. medieval	e. strange or unnatural and making you feel frightened
6. the Victorian era	f. the people who lived in ancient Britain (from about 800 BCE to 43 CE)
7. creepy	g. a round root vegetable that is usually white at the bottom and purple at the top
8. a turnip	h. from or relating to the period of British history during the rule of Queen Victoria (1837–1901)

Task 1

Choose the best answer.

1. Samhain is a _____ tradition.
a. Celtic b. Victorian c. medieval
2. It's believed that Samhain is a day when _____ can enter our world.
a. aliens b. spirits c. vampires
3. Samhain was joined with the Christian festival of _____ to make All Hallows' Eve.
a. Easter b. Christmas c. All Saints' Day
4. The earliest version of trick-or-treating dates back _____.
a. more than 50 years b. more than 100 years c. more than 500 years
5. An early version of trick-or-treating was called _____.
a. spooking b. souling c. singing
6. The Celts used to wear scary costumes to _____.
a. frighten ghosts away b. frighten their neighbours c. have fun at parties
7. Irish people used to carve faces on _____.
a. turnips b. potatoes c. carrots
8. In the 19th century, many Irish people moved to _____, where pumpkins were easier to grow.
a. India b. America c. Australia

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

pray	Celtic	spirit
food	costumes	medieval

1. The tradition of Samhain is still celebrated today.
2. The tradition of trick-or-treating began in England.
3. People were given when they went from door to door.
4. They offered to sing or for people's families.
5. Wearing scary also comes from the Celts.
6. In Ireland, people carved turnips to scare away a called Jack.