



Halloween

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How make a Jack o' Lantern

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Firstly, how do you want it to look?

scary	funny
frightening	silly
spooky	humorous

Secondly, What kind of eyes do you want? and the eyes, nose, nostrils and mouth?

triangle	
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So, silly or scary?

Halloween is celebrated on 31 October. It is an exciting event in the United States and in Great Britain. Every American calendar has Halloween marked on it. Halloween has ancient Celtic origins. On the Celtic calendar [Samhain](#) was the last day of summer and the last day of the year, 31 October.

The Celtic priests, called Druids, practised religious rituals and magic on Samhain. They also predicted the future.

On this day the Celts made big fires and dressed in scary costumes. They wanted to [frighten](#) the evil spirits. They dressed as ghosts, skeletons and [witches](#). They believed that ghosts came out of their tombs on the night of 31 October.

Samhain also became a [harvest](#) festival after the Roman invasion of Britain in 43 [AD](#). Christian practices replaced pagan practices. The Christians called 1 November All Hallows' Day, the day of All Saints. The evening of 31 October was called All Hallows' Eve. This became Halloween.

At Halloween American children in elementary schools take their costumes and masks to school. Typical Halloween costumes are the witch, ghost, skeleton, monster, vampire or alien.



Young people have fun making their own costumes, but some prefer to buy them. In the afternoon the children put on their costumes and have a Halloween party at school. Schools are decorated with [pumpkins](#), ghosts, witches and [bats](#).

It is a popular tradition to make jack o'lanterns out of pumpkins. People put them in front of the windows of their homes. The jack o'lantern is of Celtic origin too. There are funny Halloween games such as "bobbing for apples". Favourite Halloween foods are candied apples, nuts, liquorice, popcorn and pumpkin pie.



American teenagers have a Halloween party in the evening. The party is usually in the school [gymnasium](#) and everyone wears a costume and mask. The best costume usually wins a [prize](#).

Bobbing for apples:



Decorated Jack o'lanterns: ([Origin of Jack o'lanterns](#). [Spanish version](#))



In the 19th century Irish immigrants took Halloween customs to the United States. They introduced the custom of [“trick-or-treating”](#). American and British children and teenagers go “trick-or-treating” on Halloween evening. They go from house to house in their costumes and ring doorbells. When the door opens they [shout](#) Trick or treat ?” People usually give them sweets or money. If not, the children play a trick! They write on windows with soap or spray [shaving cream](#) on cars and people!



People decorate their homes with jack o’lanterns.

Understanding the text.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Halloween is celebrated on 31 October in
Great Britain only
The United States and Great Britain
The United States only
2. The ancient origin of Halloween are
Celtic
Irish
Roman
3. The word Halloween comes from
a Roman word
All Hallows' Eve
an Irish song
4. American children in elementary schools
have a Halloween party at school
make Halloween cards
sing Celtic songs
5. American teenagers
don't celebrate Halloween
don't go to school on 31 October
have a party on Halloween evening
6. On Halloween evening American and British children and teenagers put on
their costumes and masks and
go "trick-or-treating"
dance in the streets
write on doors with soap

The Past Simple

The past Simple of a verb is often used to tell a story. Use the verbs in the pumpkin to fill the gaps in the sentence below. Use the past simple.



1. Samhain.....the last day of summer.
2. The Druids.....religious rituals and magic.
3. The Celts.....big fires and.....in scary costumes.
4. They.....that ghosts.....out of their tombs.
5. After 43 AD Samhain also.....a harvest festival.

6. Irish immigrantstheir Halloween customs to the the United States.
7. The peoplethe children sweets.
8. They.....frightening costumes.

Match the name with the correct mask.

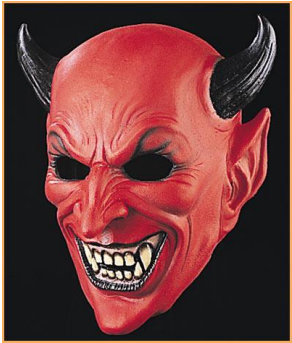
witch

skeleton

devil

Batman

alien

1.....	2.....	3.....
		
4.....	5.....	
		

Which mask do you prefer? Why?

Will you wear a costume and mask for Halloween? If so, describe them.

- **Listen to the following texts about Halloween and fill in the missing words.**

At Halloween American in elementary schools take their costumes and masks to Typical Halloween costumes are the ghost, skeleton, monster, vampire or alien. Young have fun making their own costumes, but some prefer to them. In the the children put on their costumes and have a Halloween at school. School are decorated pumpkins, ghosts, witches and bats.

It is a popular tradition to jack o'lanterns out of pumpkins. People put them in front of the of their homes. The jack o'lantern is of origin too.



American Pumpkin Pie

Invite your friends to a Halloween party. To make your party a big success, make an American pumpkin pie! It's delicious and easy to make! Here's a recipe for four people.

Ingredients	
2Kg of pumpkin	
½ litre of milk	
4 eggs	
4 tablespoons of flour	
1 teaspoon of baking powder	
100g of butter	



¼ teaspoon of salt



¼ teaspoon of cinnamon powder

Utensils to use



a big saucepan



a tablespoon



a teaspoon



a wooden spoon



a big bowl



a non-stick pie dish

Cut the pumpkin into small pieces and remove the [peel](#). Put the pieces into a big saucepan and add the milk. Cook the mixture for 30 minutes and don't forget to mix it while it's cooking. Now break the eggs into a bowl. Add the flour, baking powder, butter, salt and cinnamon powder. Mix these ingredients well. Add the pumpkin and milk mixture to the ingredients in the bowl and mix. Put the mixture into a non-stick pie dish. Put the dish into the oven (180°C) for one hour. Serve the pumpkin pie cold. Happy Halloween!



Pumpkin cut into small pieces.

Words related to Halloween:

[Resource:](#)

black cat

=large dark brown North American arboreal carnivorous mammal

candy apple

=an apple that is covered with a candy-like substance (usually caramelized sugar)

charm

=a magic spell; enchantment (=conxuro, hechizo)

work like a charm

=To function very well or have a very good effect or outcome. (=funcionar o ir a las mil maravillas)

costume

=the attire characteristic of a country or a time or a social class

dress up

=put on special clothes to appear particularly appealing and attractive

ghost

=the visible disembodied soul of a dead person

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haunt

=follow stealthily or recur constantly and spontaneously to

holiday

=leisure time away from work devoted to rest or pleasure

jack-o'-lantern

=lantern carved from a pumpkin

mask

=a covering to disguise or conceal the face

monster

=an imaginary creature usually having various human and animal parts

mummy

=a body embalmed and dried and wrapped for burial (as in ancient Egypt)

prank

=a ludicrous or grotesque act done for fun and amusement

pumpkin

=a coarse vine widely cultivated for its large pulpy round orange fruit with firm orange skin and numerous seeds; subspecies of Cucurbita pepo include the summer squashes and a few autumn squashes

scary

=provoking fear terror

skeleton

=the hard structure (bones and cartilages) that provides a frame for the body of an animal

spell

=a verbal formula considered as having magical force (=conxuro, hechizo)

taffy apple

=an apple that is covered with a candy-like substance (usually caramelized sugar)

toffee apple

=an apple that is covered with a candy-like substance (usually caramelized sugar)

trick or treat

=a request by children on Halloween; they pass from door to door asking for goodies and threatening to play tricks on those who refuse

vampire

=(folklore) a corpse that rises at night to drink the blood of the living

werewolf

=a monster able to change appearance from human to wolf and back again