



Halloween¹

*H*alloween 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, practised² religious rituals³ and magic on Samhain. They also predicted⁴ the future.

On this day the Celts made big fires and dressed in scary⁵ costumes⁶. They wanted to frighten the evil spirits. They dressed as ghosts, skeletons⁷ and witches⁸. They believed that ghosts came out of their tombs on the night of 31 October.

Samhain also became a harvest festival after the Roman invasion⁹ of

1. Halloween : 万圣节前夕。

2. practised : 举行。


3. rituals : 仪式。

4. predicted : 预言。

5. scary : 吓人的。

6. costumes : 服装。

7. skeletons : 骷髅。

8. witches : 

9. invasion : 侵略。



An original way to use an enormous pumpkin!

British and American Festivities

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' Eve¹. This became Halloween.

At Halloween American children in elementary schools take their costumes and masks to school. Typical²

Halloween costumes are the witch, ghost, skeleton, monster, vampire³ or alien⁴.

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 with⁵ pumpkins⁶, ghosts, witches and bats.

It is a popular tradition⁷ to make jack o'lanterns⁸ 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



A Halloween costume.



1. Eve : 前夜。
2. typical : 典型的。
3. vampire : 吸血鬼。
4. alien : 外星人。
5. are decorated with : 装饰。

6. pumpkins : 
7. tradition : 传统。
8. jack o'lanterns : (把南瓜挖空雕成人面形的) 杰克灯。



Halloween



'bobbing for apples'¹. Favourite Halloween foods are candied apples², nuts, liquorice³, popcorn⁴ and pumpkin pie.

American teenagers have a Halloween party in the evening. The party is usually in the school gymnasium⁵ and everyone wears a costume and mask. The best costume usually wins a prize.



Bobbing for apples.



Decorated jack o'lanterns.

1. **bobbing for apples** : 咬苹果游戏。
2. **candied apples** : 蜜饯苹果。
3. **liquorice** : 甘草。

4. **popcorn** : 爆玉米花。
5. **gymnasium** : 体育馆。

British and American Festivities

In the 19th century Irish immigrants¹ took their Halloween customs to the United States. They introduced² the custom of 'trick-or-treating'³. American and British children and teenagers go 'trick-or-treating' on Halloween evening. They go from house to house in their costumes and ring doorbells⁴. 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 spray⁵ shaving cream⁶ on cars and people!



People decorate their homes with jack o'lanterns.

1. immigrants : 移民。
2. introduced : 引进，传入。
3. trick-or-treating : 不请吃就捣蛋(游戏)。
4. ring doorbells : 按门铃。

5. spray : 喷洒。

6. shaving cream :



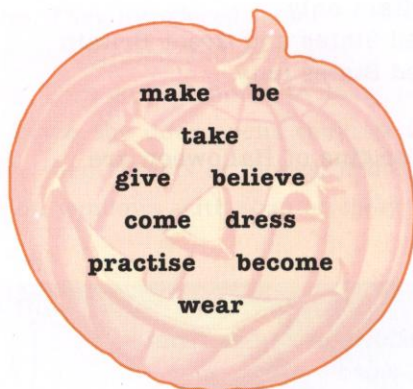
UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1 Choose the correct answer.

- a. Halloween is celebrated on 31 October in
- ☐ Great Britain only
 - ☐ the United States and Great Britain
 - ☐ the United States only
- b. The ancient origins of Halloween are
- ☐ Celtic
 - ☐ Irish
 - ☐ Roman
- c. The word Halloween comes from
- ☐ a Roman word
 - ☐ All Hallows' Eve
 - ☐ an Irish song
- d. American children in elementary schools
- ☐ have a Halloween party at school
 - ☐ make Halloween cards
 - ☐ sing Celtic songs
- e. American teenagers
- ☐ don't celebrate Halloween
 - ☐ don't go to school on 31 October
 - ☐ have a party on Halloween evening
- f. 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 (一般过去时)

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



- a. Samhain the last day of summer.
- b. The Druids religious rituals and magic.
- c. The Celts big fires and in scary costumes.
- d. They that ghosts out of their tombs.
- e. After 43 AD Samhain also a harvest festival.
- f. Irish immigrants their Halloween customs to the United States.
- g. The people the children sweets.
- h. They frightening costumes.

3 Match the name with the correct mask.

witch skeleton devil
Batman alien

a.



b.



c.



d.



e.

Which mask do you prefer? Why?

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

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Listen to the second and third paragraphs of page 12 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. Schools 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

In vite 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 ¹ for four people.

Ingredients ²

-  2kg of pumpkin 
-  1/2 litre of milk
-  4 eggs
-  4 tablespoons of flour ³
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder ⁴
- 100g of butter 
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon powder ⁵

Utensils ⁶ to use

- a big saucepan ⁷ 
- a tablespoon
- a teaspoon
- a wooden spoon 
- a big bowl 
- a non-stick pie dish 

1. recipe : 食谱。

2. ingredients : 材料。

3. flour : 面粉。

4. baking powder : 发酵粉。

5. cinnamon powder : 肉桂粉。

6. utensils : 用具。

7. saucepan : 锅。

Cut the pumpkin into small pieces and remove the peel¹. 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 oven² (180°C) for one hour. Serve³ the pumpkin pie cold. Happy Halloween!



Pumpkin cut into small pieces.

1. peel : 瓜果皮。

2. oven : 烤箱。

3. serve : 端上。