

Halloween Around the World

Skills:

Can understand texts describing people, places, everyday life and culture, etc., provided they use simple language.

Adults/Teens

Individual



1 Fill in the blanks to discover interesting facts about Halloween.

costumes

Halloween

pumpkins

festival

- People celebrate _____ (1) on October 31 every year.
- In the past, it was a _____ (2) called Samhain for spirits.
- Kids usually wear _____ (3), decorate _____ (4) and go trick-or-treating.

2 Share your opinion on the following questions.

What do you like about Halloween?

Do you have any special traditions for Halloween?

What is your favorite Halloween costume?

3 Read the text about how people celebrate Halloween around the world.

Halloween is a fun holiday. It is on October 31st every year. Many people celebrate Halloween around the world.

In America, Halloween is very popular. Children like to wear costumes. They go to houses and say "trick or treat" to get candy. People tell scary stories, but not too scary! People put pumpkins, ghosts, and witches outside their houses. Some houses have big decorations. Towns have parades and parties. Schools have fun events for students. It is a colorful and fun time.

In Mexico, people celebrate the Day of the Dead around the same time as Halloween, but it's a very different holiday. It's a time to honor loved ones who have passed away. They make special tables with pictures and food for the dead people.

Halloween started in Ireland a long time ago. People thought ghosts came on this day. Children play a trick known as "knock-a-dolly" - they knock on their neighbors' doors and run away before they answer the door. In Ireland and the UK, people like to make funny or scary faces on pumpkins. They also have big fires and fireworks. It's like a big party.

In Japan, more people enjoy Halloween every year. They have parties and wear costumes. They don't go to houses for candy. People like to dress up as characters from movies and games. In big cities like Tokyo, there are big Halloween parades.

Glossary

pumpkin - a round, orange fruit often used for decoration or food.

trick-or-treat - a fun activity where children go door to door asking for candy on Halloween.

parade - a big event where people walk or ride in a line to celebrate something.

ghost - a spirit of a person who has died, often shown as a white figure.

costumes - special clothes that people wear for fun or to look like someone else.

fireworks - colorful explosions in the sky that make loud sounds and bright lights.

4 Mark the sentences about the text as True or False.

1. Children in America wear costumes and ask for candy on Halloween.
2. In Mexico, Halloween and the Day of the Dead are the same holiday.
3. Halloween began in Ireland many years ago.
4. In Japan, people go to houses for candy during Halloween.
5. People in Ireland make faces on pumpkins for Halloween.

5 Read the text again and choose the correct answers to the following questions.

1. When is Halloween celebrated?

- A. October 1st
- B. October 31st
- C. November 1st
- D. December 25th

2. What do children in America do to get candy on Halloween?

- A. Tell spooky stories
- B. Carve funny faces on pumpkins
- C. Go to houses and say "trick or treat"
- D. Have big parties

3. What do people in Mexico do to honor their loved ones who have passed away?

- A. Make special tables with pictures and food
- B. Carve pumpkins with scary faces
- C. Go to houses and ask for candy
- D. Have big parades and fireworks

4. What do children in Ireland do as a traditional "trick" on Halloween?

- A. Dress up in costumes
- B. Light big fires
- C. Knock on doors and run away
- D. Tell scary stories

5. How do people in Japan celebrate Halloween?

- A. By going door-to-door for candy
- B. By making special tables for the dead
- C. By having parades and parties in costumes
- D. By carving funny faces on pumpkins

6 Let's discuss these questions.

1. What did you learn about how Halloween is celebrated in different countries?
2. Which country's Halloween traditions do you find the most interesting? Why?
3. Do you celebrate Halloween in your country? Or is there a similar holiday?

7 Homework. Write a short social media post describing your favorite way to celebrate Halloween. Answer the following questions.

Example: "My favorite way to...", "We wear...", "We eat...", and "To celebrate, we ..."

1. Do people wear costumes?
2. Are there any special foods?
3. What do families and friends do to celebrate together?

Correct answers

1**Made in the “Find Facts” + “Fill in the Gap” tools.**

1. Halloween
2. festival
3. costumes
4. pumpkins

2**Made in the “Discussion Question” tool.****3****Made in the “Create a Text” + “Word-Definition Matching” tools.****4****Made in the “True or False” tool.**

1. True - Children in America wear costumes and say "trick or treat" to get candy.
2. False - The Day of the Dead is a different holiday from Halloween in Mexico.
3. True - Halloween started in Ireland a long time ago.
4. False - In Japan, people do not go to houses for candy; they have parties and wear costumes.
5. True - In Ireland, people make funny or scary faces on pumpkins.

5**Made in the “ABCD Questions” tool.**

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. C

6**Made in the “Discussion Questions” tool.****7****Made in the “Creative Writing” tool.**