



Spooky Halloween

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WARM UP

Look at the picture above. How many objects can you name in English? Do you celebrate Halloween? Why?/Why not?



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VOCABULARY



1. Check how many Halloween words you know:

pumpkin – spooky – trick-or-treat
jack o'Lantern – skull – bones – coffin
grave – witches hat – broomstick – ghost
haunted house – poison – skeleton –
spider net

2. Which of them can you see on the picture on the left?

3. Describe the pictures below using the words from the previous exercise:





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4. Discuss the questions:

- How is Halloween celebrated in your country?
- What do you usually do on Halloween?
- What Halloween traditions do you know?
- Have you ever trick-or-treated? What do you think of this tradition?
- What Halloween decoration have you seen in your city/town recently?
- Have you ever been to Halloween costume party? If so, what costume were you wearing? If no, would you like to come and what costume would you wear?

READING

1. How many questions about the origin of Halloween below can you answer?

- 1) What's the origin of Halloween?
- 2) When and where did people start to celebrate this holiday?
- 3) What ancient festival did Halloween come from?
- 4) What did Celts believe happen on the night of October 31st?
- 5) How is Halloween celebrated nowadays?

2. Read the text below to check your answers:



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Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced som-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1st. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Nowadays, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days become shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to start the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

Did You Know?

One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.

3. Discuss:

- ✓ What have you learned about the origin of Halloween?
- ✓ What else do you know about the history of this holiday?
- ✓ Do you believe in ghosts?
- ✓ Do you like celebrating the Halloween? Why?/Why not?



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VIDEO

1. Do you like watching and reading horror stories? What's your favorite?

"The delivery" is a Halloween short horror film. Look at the shots from the video and try to predict what the story is going to be about:

1



2



3





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2. Watch the video until stated times, then stop the video and answer the questions:

***The Delivery - Cheetos Halloween Short Film* - <https://youtu.be/ZC1MIXhH2gU>**

- 0:35 – What happened? What is the problem?
- 0:54 – Who or what does the girl see? How do you think, what happens next?
- 1:14 – Where is she now? What’s going to happen next? Will she be able to deliver the parcel?
- 1:40 – Whose house is it? Is she safe now? Why?/Why not?
- 1:58 – What’s going to happen next?
- 2:06 – What’s the message?
- 2:21 – What’s in the parcel?

3. Discuss:

- Did you enjoy the story?
- How do you think, was the girl scared at some moments? Why?
- What can make you scared? What do you afraid of?



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IDIOMS

1. Match the idioms 1-8 with their meanings a – h:

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| 1. skeleton in the cupboard | a) someone is so frightened that he can't move |
| 2. make one's blood boil | b) no chance at all |
| 3. not a cat in hell's chance | c) do something that can cause problems in the future |
| 4. scared stiff | d) person who takes an opposite or controversial opinion in conversation |
| 5. Jekyll and Hyde personality | e) someone is hiding an unpleasant secret |
| 6. play devil's advocate | f) forbid someone to do something |
| 7. over my dead body | g) have two sides of personality: good and bad |
| 8. dig one's grave | h) make someone very angry |

2. Complete the questions with appropriate idiomatic expressions:

1. In your opinion, each person has a or sometimes people don't have embarrassing secrets?
2. How many times have you been when you were watching a horror film the last time?



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3. How do you feel when you don't have to finish the work until deadline?
4. Do you find it difficult to get on well with people with when you don't know what to expect from them?
5. Do you sometimes to make sure that your opponent is absolutely sure in his opinion.
6. When was the last time when you and had some bad consequences after that?
7. What kind of things can you do that means never?
8. What behavior and doings of other people can annoy you and ?

3. Answer the questions above.



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KEY

Vocabulary

ex. 2: pumpkin, jack o'Lantern, witches hat, ghost

Reading

ex. 1.

1 – it originates from Celtic festival Samhain

2. – 2000 years ago, in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France

3. – New Year 1st of November

4. – it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth because the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred

5. – secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating, in some countries activities include gatherings, costumes and sweet treats

Idioms

ex. 1: 1-e, 2-h, 3-b, 4-a, 5-g, 6-d, 7-f, 8-c

ex. 2.

1 - skeleton in the cupboard, 2 - scared stiff, 3 - a cat in hell's chance, 4 - Jekyll and Hyde personality, 5 - play devil's advocate, 6 - dug your grave, 7 - over your dead body, 8 - make your blood boil.