



BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

Halloween



Halloween 万圣节

Trick or Treat “不给糖果就捣蛋”

It's October the 31st, and across Britain and the USA, thousands of children are **dressing up** as **monsters**, **ghosts** and **witches** and going to their **neighbours'** houses to ask for **sweets** or to play **tricks** on them if they refuse.

Many houses have **lanterns** made from **pumpkins** in their windows. These lanterns have **frightening** faces cut into them.

What is the reason for all of this? It's Halloween! To an **outsider**, this may seem a strange festival, but it is a very popular one and an important part of the culture in Britain and the USA. But how did it start?

The holiday once had a religious significance. November the 1st is All Saint's Day, and October the 31st was believed to be a day when all the **spirits** came back to the world of the living. In modern times, this has changed to be a day when children dress up as monsters, ghosts and witches.

Once they are dressed up children go to their neighbours' houses. They knock on the door and shout 'Trick or **treat!**' Good neighbours, of course, give 'treats'. These are usually sweets or chocolates.

Bad neighbours, however, may give nothing. If so, then the children play a 'trick' on them. This may be a simple **practical joke**. However, **naughty** children may do something worse, like throwing **rubbish** in the neighbour's garden. Nowadays, of course, most neighbours always give a treat. After all, it's fun for the children.

Another tradition is to make lanterns from pumpkins. First, the inside of the pumpkin is removed. Then, a face is cut into the pumpkin, traditionally a smiling, **devil** face. Finally a candle is placed inside, and the lantern is put at the front of the house to keep **evil** spirits away.

There are many traditional games on Halloween, but the most common is 'apple-bobbing'. It's simple to play. Several apples are put **floating** in water. Children then have their hands **tied** behind their backs. They then have to try to pick the apples out of the water using only their mouths. Of course, people get very wet and it is very funny to watch.

Glossary 词汇表

dressing up - 乔装打扮; 穿上盛装

monsters - 怪物; 妖怪

ghosts - 鬼; 幽灵

witches - 巫师

neighbour - 邻居

sweets - 糖果

tricks - 恶作剧; 诡计

lanterns - 灯笼

pumpkins - 南瓜

frightening - 令人恐惧的

outsider - 外人; 局外人

spirits - 幽灵; 鬼魂

treat - 招待; 请客

practical joke - 恶作剧

naughty - 淘气的

rubbish - 垃圾

devil - 魔鬼

evil - 邪恶的

floating - 漂浮着

tied - 栓着的, 捆着的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Halloween was originally a religious festival. **True/False**
2. Neighbours don't have to give the children a treat. **True/False**
3. Halloween lanterns have friendly faces. **True/False**
4. Traditional games at Halloween involve pumpkins. **True/False**
5. Halloween is not a popular festival. **True/False**



2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

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3. Prepositions 介词

Complete the following sentences by writing the correct preposition in the gap.

完成下列句子，把正确的介词填入空格中。

1. Halloween is _____ October the 31st.
2. Children dress _____ as monsters, ghosts and witches.
3. They go out _____ night, when it's dark.
4. They knock _____ their neighbours' doors.
5. If you don't give them sweets, they may play a trick _____ you.
6. Their hands are tied _____ their backs.
7. You have to pick the apples _____ with your mouth.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with halloween in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与万圣节有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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t	c	v	b	n	m	l	k	t	j	h	s
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l	m	n	b	v	a	c	x	k	z	a	s
f	u	n	d	f	t	g	h	j	k	l	p
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ghost	witch	monster	trick	treat
lantern	sweets	apples	fun	night

Answers 答案

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- They go out **at** night, when it's dark.
- They knock **on** their neighbours' doors.
- If you don't give them sweets, they may play a trick **on** you.
- Their hands are tied **behind** their backs.
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- The lantern is put at the front of the house to keep evil spirits away.
- Children then have their hands tied behind their backs.
- People get very wet and it is very funny to watch.

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