

Is Halloween harmful?

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Activity 1

Read the following questions and discuss them with your partner.

1. How much do you know about Halloween?
2. Where, when and how did it originate?
3. Where, when and how is it celebrated?
4. Is Halloween celebrated in your country? Do you celebrate it? Why/not?
5. Some say that Halloween encourages an interest in the supernatural, devil-worship and the occult. Do you think Halloween is harmful or harmless?
6. Do you believe in ghosts and witches? Why/not?

Activity 2

Match the following Halloween words/phrases with their definitions below.

broomstick skeleton trick or treat ghost witch scary pumpkin

1. A big, orange vegetable which is hollowed out and made to look like a face.
2. When children go from door to door in fancy dress, asking for sweets.
3. A woman who wears a black, pointed hat and usually has a black cat. She mixes her potions in a cauldron and casts spells on people.
4. This is the means of transport used by witches.
5. Another word for this is 'phantom', 'ghoul' or 'spectre'.
6. This is a word for 'bones'. The head bone is called the 'skull'.
7. Another word for this is 'frightening' or 'spooky'.

Activity 3

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. What does the word 'Halloween' mean exactly?
2. In which century does the custom have its roots?
3. What is the day after Halloween (1st November) also known as?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 4

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