

Halloween



Do you know these words?

afraid	clothes	spirits of the dead
appear	fire	treat
celebrate	Jack-o-lantern	trick
Celt	noise	witch

Listen. Answer the questions.

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- Where does Halloween come from? America Europe
- How old is Halloween? 25 years 250 years 2,500 years
- To the Celts, what day is Halloween? Christmas Day New Year's Eve New Year's Day
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- Were the Celts afraid?
- What did the Celts do on Halloween night?
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- What animal can a witch change into?
- From which country did Halloween arrive in America? France Britain Ireland
- What vegetable is a Jack-o-lantern made from? a potato a pumpkin

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 - Have you ever played a trick on someone?
- (What did you do?)

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Halloween is celebrated every year on the 31st of October, but where exactly does Halloween come from?

Most people think of Halloween as an American tradition, but actually, it comes from Europe. In fact, Halloween has been celebrated in Europe for about two and a half thousand years.

The first people to celebrate Halloween were the Celts. The Celts lived in Europe, mainly in France, Britain and Ireland. Halloween was the last day of their year before the long winter. On this day, the Celts believed that the spirits of the dead visited peoples' homes and tried to enter peoples' bodies. The Celts were very afraid. So, on Halloween, they built big fires, they wore strange clothes, they played tricks on each other, and they made lots of noise.

When we think of Halloween, we also think of witches. A witch is an evil woman, who can fly on a broomstick, and who can change into a black cat.

So how did Halloween get to America?

During the 1840s, the people of Ireland could not grow any potatoes. There was no food and many people died. During this time, many Irish people moved to America. They took their culture with them, including Halloween and Jack-o-lantern making. In Ireland, people used turnips to make Jack-o-lanterns, but in America, they began to use pumpkins.

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