

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a costume | a. the time of year when fruit and vegetables are collected on farms |
| 2..... a pumpkin | b. a light that has a handle and can be carried or hung up |
| 3..... a fright | c. a large, orange, football-sized vegetable |
| 4..... a lantern | d. to wear special clothes |
| 5..... harvest | e. a set of special clothes |
| 6..... to dress up | f. a scary or frightening thing or event |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. People celebrate Halloween on 31 October in Britain. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Halloween is not a public holiday in the UK. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Halloween lanterns are usually made from potatoes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Apple bobbing is a game which involves apples, water and a bowl. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Only children dress up at Halloween. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Trick or treating is an American custom that is now popular in Britain. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Fright Night is a big Halloween party in the north of England. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. The film <i>Psycho</i> is suitable for all ages. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your vocabulary: grouping

Write the words in the correct group.

soup	pumpkins	vampire	curry	ghost	zombie
apples	sweets	skeleton	witch	tomato ketchup	monster

Food	Halloween characters

3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – collocations

Complete the collocations with a verb from the box.

dress up	wear	go	go to	make	celebrate	play	watch
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1. _____ Halloween
2. _____ a lantern
3. _____ apple bobbing
4. _____ as a witch
5. _____ a costume
6. _____ trick or treating
7. _____ a party
8. _____ a film

Discussion

- Do you celebrate Halloween?
- What Halloween character would you dress up as, and why?
- Do you like watching horror films?
- Why do you think Halloween is so popular?