



HAPPY HALLOWE'EN

On 31st October, the night before All Saints Day, Americans, Scots and Irish people celebrate Hallowe'en : they dress up as witches and ghosts, have parties, tell ghost stories and play games. Hallowe'en is the second biggest celebration in America, after Christmas. Many people make jack-o'-lanterns for Hallowe'en. They cut faces in pumpkins and put candles inside. They go to people's houses in their costumes and ask for sweets. If they don't get sweets (a treat), they play a trick.

Hallowe'en was originally a Celtic festival celebrating the new Year. Celts believed that the dead could come back to the world on that day. So people wore costumes like witches and ghosts, to frighten the real witches and ghosts. People gave them sweets or apples. Irish and Scottish immigrants took Hallowe'en to America. American children started going « trick or treat » in the 1950s.

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HELP :

- 1 to dress up : se déguiser
- 2 a witch : une sorcière
- 3 a ghost : un fantôme
- 4 a pumpkin : une citrouille
- 5 a candle : une bougie
- 6 a trick : une farce
- 7 to wear, I wore, worn
- 8 to frighten : effrayer



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Question n°1 : Numérotez les informations suivantes selon leur ordre d'apparition dans le texte (4 points).

- a) The origin of Hallowe'en.
- b) The children's tradition in the streets.
- c) The date of Hallowe'en.
- d) The name of the vegetable people use to decorate their houses.

Question n°2 : Vrai ou Faux : Justifiez toutes vos réponses (vraies ou fausses) en citant une phrase du texte (4 points).

	VRAI	FAUX
1. Christmas is the most important celebration in America -----		
2. People dress up as clowns for Hallowe'en. -----		
3. People paint faces on pumpkins. -----		
4. Originally Hallowe'en was an American Festival. -----		

Question n°3 : Conjuguez le verbe au temps qui convient (4 points).

1) Every year, American adults (to wear) costumes for Hallowe'en.

2) In the 1950's, American children (to decide) to go to people's houses in their costumes

3) Hallowe'en (to take place) in autumn.

4) Children (not ask) for money but for sweets.

Question n°4 : Traduisez en français de "On 31st October" à "play games" (4 points)

Question n°5 : Expression personnelle (4 points).

Rédigez un paragraphe d'une vingtaine de mots qui répond aux questions suivantes :

In France or in your native country, which feast do you prefer ? (Christmas, Hallowe'en, birthday parties, Carnival, the New year's Eve ...).

How do you celebrate it ?

Where ?

Who with ?
