

HALLOWEEN

Around the World

READING COMPREHENSION



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IRELAND
Halloween finds its roots in Ireland, where the festival of Samhain. This tradition signaled the end of the harvest season, accompanied by beliefs in a thin veil between the living and the dead. During Samhain, spirits were thought to wander the earth, and people would use fire and ward off these otherworldly beings. Over time, these traditions merged into the modern-day celebration of Halloween, which is now a time for contemporary revelry. Today, Ireland's rich Halloween traditions are celebrated worldwide.

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IRELAND

Indeed, Halloween finds its roots in Ireland, where the ancient Celts honored the festival of Samhain. This tradition signaled the transition from harvest to winter, accompanied by beliefs in a thin veil between the living and the dead. During Samhain, spirits were thought to wander the earth, prompting rituals to appease and ward off these otherworldly beings. Over time, these customs evolved into the modern-day celebration of Halloween, blending ancient folklore with contemporary revelry. Today, Ireland's rich cultural heritage continues to influence Halloween traditions worldwide.

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JAPAN

In Japan, Halloween is gaining popularity, especially in big cities like Tokyo. While trick-or-treating isn't as common, young people enjoy dressing up in costumes and attending Halloween parties. Shops and restaurants decorate with spooky themes, and you might see Halloween parades in some neighborhoods.



ENGLAND

In England, Halloween is celebrated with bonfires and fireworks. People gather around the fire, telling ghost stories and roasting marshmallows. They also play games like apple bobbing and carve turnips instead of pumpkins. Fireworks light up the sky, adding to the festive atmosphere.

AUSTRALIA

In Australia, Halloween falls during the spring season, but that doesn't stop people from joining in the fun! While it's not as widely celebrated as in other countries, you'll still find Halloween parties, decorations, and trick-or-treating in some neighborhoods.

CONCLUSION

No matter where you are in the world, Halloween is a time for fun, costumes, and spooky delights. Whether you're collecting candy in the United States, honoring ancestors in Mexico, or attending a Halloween party in Japan, the spirit of Halloween brings people together in celebration and joy.

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Name_____

Date_____

HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. In which country do children dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. United States
 - c. Japan
 - d. England
2. What holiday is celebrated in Mexico alongside Halloween?
 - a. Christmas
 - b. Easter
 - c. Day of the Dead
 - d. Independence Day
3. Where did Halloween originate?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Japan
 - c. Ireland
 - d. Australia
4. What is a popular activity during Halloween in England?
 - a. Trick-or-treating
 - b. Bonfires and fireworks
 - c. Costume parties
 - d. Decorating with pumpkins
5. What do people in England carve instead of pumpkins?
 - a. Turnips
 - b. Potatoes
 - c. Apples
 - d. Oranges

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the Mexican holiday celebration called?
2. What activity do people in England do during Halloween?
3. Where did Halloween originate?
4. What is gaining popularity in Japan?
5. What season does Halloween fall in?

6. Which country is seeing a rise in popularity, particularly in big cities?

- a. Mexico
- b. Japan
- c. Ireland
- d. Australia

7. What season does Halloween fall in?

- a. Summer
- b. Winter
- c. Spring
- d. Autumn

8. What do people in England gather around for Halloween celebrations?

- a. Christmas tree
- b. Fireplace
- c. Bonfire
- d. Fountain

9. What do the Celts believe about Halloween?

- a. It's a time for harvest celebrations.
- b. It marks the beginning of winter.
- c. It's the best time for planting crops.
- d. It's a time for fireworks.

10. What is a key theme of Halloween celebrations worldwide?

- a. Love and romance
- b. Remembering ancestors
- c. Celebrating the harvest
- d. Spooky fun and costumes

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b. United States
2. c. Day of the Dead
3. c. Ireland
4. b. Bonfires and fireworks
5. a. Turnips
6. b. Japan
7. c. Spring
8. c. Bonfire
9. b. It marks the beginning of winter.
10. d. Spooky fun and costumes

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Day of the Dead
2. Gather around and tell ghost stories.
3. Ireland
4. Halloween parties and costumes
5. Spring

ANSWER KEY
INCLUDED

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QUESTIONS