# Halloween



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HALLOWEEN IS THE DAY WHEN BOYS AND GIRLS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS, GROWN-UPS AND CHILDREN PLAY TRICKS, PUT ON MASKS, FRIGHTEN ONE ANOTHER AND HAVE FUN. IT IS THE DAY TO SHARE THE JOYFUL FESTIVITIES WITH YOUR FRIENDS BUT THEY ARE CHILDREN WHO USUALLY WAIT FOR THIS FESTIVAL WITH IMPATIENCE. SO, I ORDER TO SING AND DANCE, TO FRIGHTEN EACH OTHER, TO

TELL SCARY STORIES, TO PLAY GAMES AND TO FORETELL THE FUTURE. I WISH YOU TO HAVE A JOLLY GOOD

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD FRIGHT!

BE VERY CAREFUL. WE ARE GOING TO VISIT THE PLACE WHERE WITCHES, DEVILS, VAMPIRES, GHOULS AND OTHER EVIL SPIRITS LIVE. IT'S CALLED "HALLOWEEN". BE VERY ATTENTIVE, BECAUSE YOU WILL HEAR A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS. THE MOST QUICK-WITTED WILL GET A SPECIAL PRIZE FROM OUR MASTER OF DIRTY TRICKS.





BLACK CATS, THEIR BEST FRIENDS, USUALLY ACCOMPANY THEM.









HALLOWEEN IS A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION – A COMBINATION OF FESTIVALS. IT IS A TIME FOR GAMES, FUN AND FORTUNE TELLING, FOR GHOST STORIES AND MAKING MISCHIEF.

HALLOWEEN MEANING "HOLLY EVENING" IS A POPULAR TRADITION CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, ON THE EVE OF ALL SAINTS' DAY. HALLOWEEN CHSTOMS DATE BACK TO A TIME WHEN PEOPLE BELIEVED IN DEVILS, WITCHES AND GHOSTS. MANY ANCIENT PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ON CERTAIN NIGHTS OF THE YEAR THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD WENT WANDERING. THEY ALSO BELIEVED THAT ON THOSE NIGHTS PEOPLE COULD SEE INTO THE FUTURE.

HALLOWEEN ORIGINATED FROM THE CELTS AND DRUIDS WHO WERE PROPLE'S PRIESTS AND TEACHERS. THE CELTS HAD HOLIDAY CALLED SAMHAIN ("END OF SUMMER") WHICH MARKED THE END OF THE GOOD-GROWING SEASON.



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THE CELTS BELIEVED THAT SPIRITS OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AND ALSO THE GHOSTS OF PEOPLE AND SOULS OF THE DEAD VISITED THE EARTH ON SAMILAIN, WHICH WAS OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

FEARING THAT THEY MIGHT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THEIR HEALTH AND PROPERTY, PEOPLE TRIED TO WARD THEM OFF IN DIFFERENT WAYS: THEY PAINTED FACES AND DRAW MAGIC SIGNS, NAILED HORSESHOES, PUT ON STRANGE CLOTHES, CARRIED LIGHTS AND LIT HUGE BONFIRES.



ALL THIS WAS DONE TO SCARE THE GHOSTS AND EVIL SPIRITS AWAY, TO MISCHIEF AND MISLEAD THEM. THE DRUIDS GAVE A SPARK FROM THEIR SACRED FIRE TO THE HEAD OF EACH FAMILY TO KEEP THEIR HOMES SAFE FROM EVIL SPIRITS.

WHEN THE ROMAN CONQUERED BRITAIN, THEY ADDED TO HALLOWEEN FEATURES OF THEIR TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL. THAT FESTIVAL WAS HELD ANNUALLY ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IN HONOUR OF POMONA, GODDESS OF FRUIT AND TREES.

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#### SOME OF THE FUN OF HALLOWEEN COMES FROM SCARING PEOPLE OR BEING SCARED BY THEM.



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DIFFERENT GAMES ARE USUALLY PLAYED ON HALLOWEEN. CHILDREN LIKE TO GO "TRICK-OR-TREATING". DRESSED UP IN WHITE SHEETS OR MASKS AND COSTUMES, THEY KNOCK ON DOORS AND ASK THE RESIDENTS IF THEY WANT "TRICK OR TREAT". IF THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE GIVE THE CHILDREN & "TREAT" (USUALLY MONEY OR SWEETS) THE CHILDREN GO AWAY, IF THEY GET NOTHING, THEY PLAY A "TRICK" ON THE PEOPLE. THEY MAKE A LOT OF NOISE. SPELL FLOUR ON THEIR FRONT DOORSTEP OR SMEAR WINDOWS AND CARS WITH SHAVING CREAM OR SOAP. SMASHING BOTTLES, THROWING EGGS, HIDING THINGS IS ALSO FUN FOR SOME TEENAGERS.







## Halloween costumes





