

Halloween



A holiday which is celebrated in many English speaking countries on the 31 of October is called Halloween. On this night people wear scary costumes, they often dress up as witches, ghosts, goblins. Children go from house to house 'threatening' 'Trick or Treat'. In this traditional way they ask for sweets and the house's owners give them treats with pleasure. If the owners don't give candies, children can play tricks. For example, throw eggs at windows or put toilet paper in trees. Everyone understands that this is just for making fun.



The holiday of Halloween begins on Pagan holiday Samhain which is also known as Day of the Dead or All Saints. This is a happy and joyful holiday even though people celebrate death. It is believed that on this night the souls of dead people are believed to return back to Earth.



Some people say that on the night of 31 October the gap between the dead and the living world is closer, that is why the souls of dead return back to Earth. These souls are believed to look for a living creature for possessing during the next year. Those people who don't want to be possessed by dead souls should leave drinks and foods to please these souls outside their doors. First beggars begin taking these food and drinks, and then they began begging for it and over time children started to.



As for the dressing up, there's another tradition. People dressed up as scary things and ghost so the souls of the dead thought they were dead, too and to scare them away.



Halloween is a favorite holiday of the most children in English speaking countries.



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