

Scary News

Halloween, the witch is flying high.
Have you seen her shadow in the sky?
So beware, don't you dare to even boast
Or a ghost, to your dismay, will hear you say
that you don't care

Say a prayer - Or it may come and pull your hair!



5th edition

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We hope you get really scared when you read it!



Happy Halloween

HALLOWEEN



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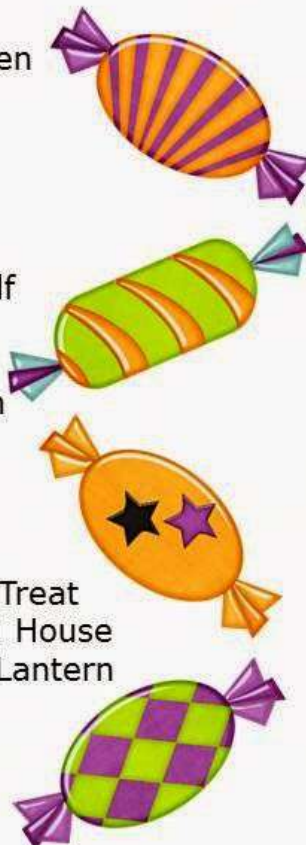


Connect the monsters with their pets



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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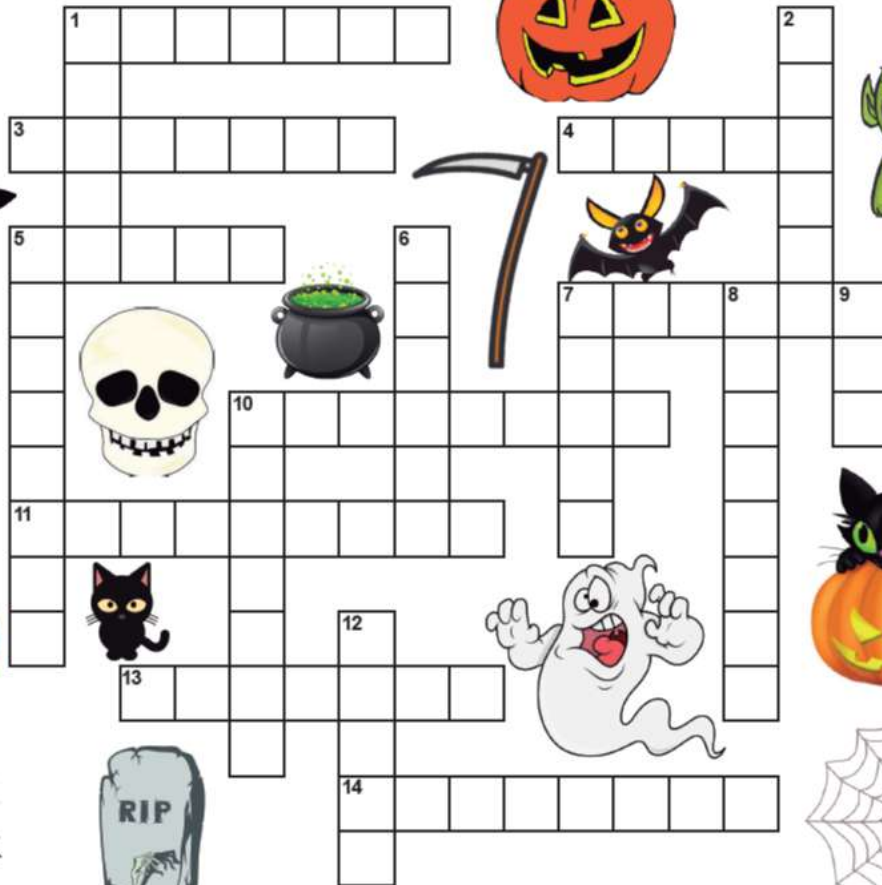
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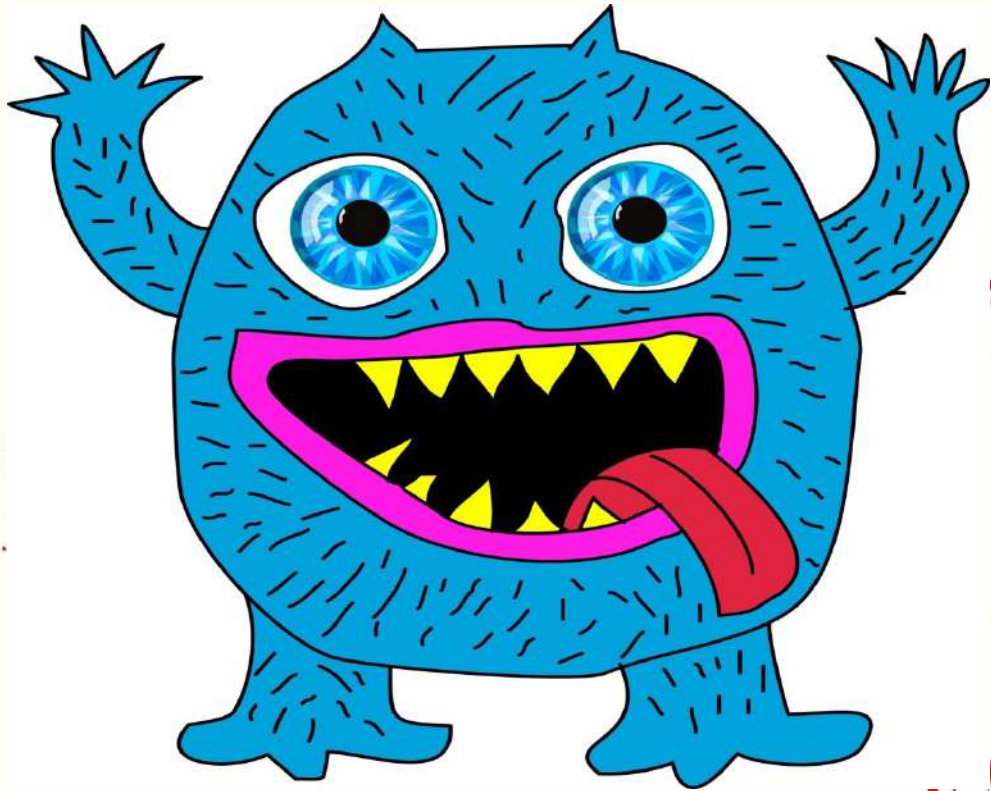
ACROSS

1. a large, round vegetable with hard yellow or orange flesh
3. believed to be visited by ghosts
4. a dead body wrapped in long narrow pieces of cloth
5. the bones of the head
7. a net that a spider makes out of thin sticky strings
10. a large round metal container used for cooking over a fire
11. a large, flat stone that lies over a grave or stands at one end, that shows the name, age, etc. of the person buried there
13. a character in stories who appears at night to bite people's necks and suck their blood
14. an area of ground where dead people are buried

DOWN

1. a trick that is done to someone usually as a joke
2. a farming tool with a curved blade and long handle that is used for cutting grass, grain, etc.
5. the set of bones that supports a human or animal body
6. (in stories) a small, ugly creature that is harmful to humans
7. a long coat without sleeves, that fastens around your neck
8. someone who, in stories, changes into a wolf at the time of the full moon
9. a small animal like a mouse with wings that flies at night
10. a set of clothes worn in order to look like someone or something else
12. a woman in stories who has magic powers

6th Form
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BOB MONSTER

This is Bob Monster. He is blue. He has got sharp yellow teeth and big blue eyes. He's also very funny.

In the morning, Bob gets up at 2:00 am. Then, he takes a delicious bath of cold water. After, he prepares himself to go to work, riding his spider. He is a postman.

His breakfast is based on vegetables, because he is vegetarian.

He goes to work at 3:00am. He works on the good side.

Now, he is preparing the Halloween party.

He has lunch at 8:00 am.

In the afternoon, sometimes he goes to the cinema with his friends.

He comes back home at 2:00pm and speaks with his parents about his day at work.

He has dinner at 4:00pm.

Before he goes to bed, he post photos on social media about his day.

He goes to bed at 5:30pm.

This is Bob's daily routine.



HALLOWEEN JOKES

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Halloween Jokes

Match the questions with the punch lines::

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Why did the vampire go to the orthodontist?

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Why do witches use brooms to fly on? Because....

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What do you get when you cross a wampire and a snowman?

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What is a vampire's favourite sport?

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What do ghosts add to their morning cereal?

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What is a vampire's favourite holiday?

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What did one ghost say to the other ghost?

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Why do vampires need mouthwash?

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What is a vampire's favourite fast food?

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What type of dog do vampires like the best?

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What do birds give out on Halloween night?

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What is a skeleton's favourite musical instrument?

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..vacuum cleaners are too

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Booberries!

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-Do you believe in people?

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Bloodhounds.

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...to improve his bite!

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They have bad breath.

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Tweets!

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Frostbite!

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A guy with a very high

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Casketball!

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A trombone.

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Fangsgiving!



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10 crazy facts about HALLOWEEN



Did you know that the word “witch” comes from the Old English *wicce*, meaning “wise woman.” In fact, *wiccan* were highly respected people at one time and according to popular belief, witches held one of their two main meetings, or sabbats, on Halloween night.



Black cats get a bad rap on Halloween because they were once believed to be witch's subordinates and protectors of witches' powers. However, in England it's the opposite. White cats are believed to be bad luck and black cats are believed to bring good fortune.



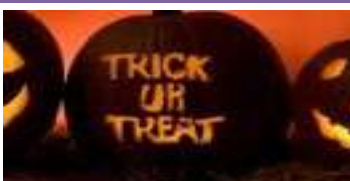
Aside from black cats, the owl is also a popular Halloween image. In Medieval Europe, owls were thought to be witches, and to hear an owl's call meant someone was about to die.



In Great Britain, Jack-O-Lanterns are traditionally made from turnips. The Halloween custom came to America through Irish immigrants, and since turnips weren't cheap Americans used pumpkins.



Halloween enthusiasts in Highwood, Illinois took the record in 2011 with 30,919 simultaneously lit Jack-O-Lanterns.



Arguably one of our favorite Halloween traditions; Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of placing treats and food outside in order to placate the spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.



Not everyone is a fan of trick-or-treating. In 2010, Belleville, Illinois, became the latest American city to ban trick-or-treating for kids over 12. Teens can face fines from \$100 to \$1,000 for going door-to-door.



Most major cities see the tourism benefits of major Halloween events and Halloween in general. Salem, Massachusetts and New Orleans are the traditional hotspots for celebrating Halloween in the U.S. with New Orleans boasting of the world record for the largest Halloween Party with 17,777 costumed revelers at once.



Halloween is not always celebrated via witches, black cats, scarecrows, pumpkins. Mexico for example, celebrates the Days of the Dead (*Días de los Muertos*) on the Christian holidays All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) instead of Halloween. The townspeople dress up like ghouls and parade down the street.



Samhainophobia is a morbid fear of Halloween. The origin of the term *samhainophobia* traces back to the Celtic word *Samhuin*, meaning All Hallows Eve.

HALLOWEEN RECIPES

Who does not like popcorn? This is a recipe with only five ingredients and is even easy to make. Ideal for family cooking, having a good time and entertaining the younger ones.

You can make ghosts of various sizes, bigger and bigger for the greedy ones, others smaller, which gives you a very funny result.

INGREDIENTS

1 pack of popcorn; 1 pack of mini marshmallows; 125g of butter (approximately).

1 pack of candy melts

Decorative eyes

Let's give you a hint: buy popcorn already made to save some time! This recipe makes between eight and ten balls of popcorn.



Booooo! Do not be scared: it's just a cracker with marshmallows. This genius idea promises to sweeten the mouths of the greediest and we have to admit that it is a great way to give life to the food.



We can choose to make our own cookies or buy a package in a super or mini market that is more at hand.

INGREDIENTS

1 package of biscuits of your choice; Vanilla Cover; Red Dye; Miniature Marshmallows; Chopped almonds

If there are allergies to nuts, white seeds or gums may be used for Dracula's teeth.

Candy apples are very common sweets in the USA. And why not give a twist to the typical red apples and make them appropriate to Halloween, also so traditional in the United States?



INGREDIENTS

2 cups sugar; 1/2 cup corn glucose; 3/4 cup water; 1/2 teaspoon blue gel dye

12 small apples; 12 sticks (of wood or of any other material); parchment paper

vegetable oil

They are not difficult to make, but it takes some patience until the sugar reaches the point of caramel.

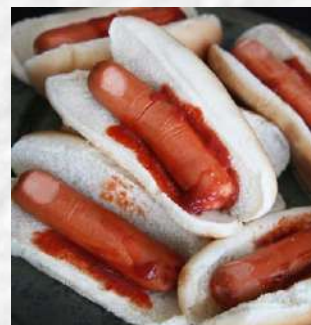


For those who want to take Halloween night to the limit: here we leave you a very simple but super original recipe. The idea is really creative: no one would remember that the sausages look like human fingers.

INGREDIENTS

Mini sausages; Mini dog bread; Ketchup; Scraping knife

Disgusting but ... who says no to puppies?



Eyeball Cookies

INGREDIENTS

100 grams white baking chocolate, chopped, divided; 20 to 25 vanilla wafers; Paste food coloring
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips; Red liquid food coloring

PREPARATION

In a microwave, melt 100 grams of white chocolate; stir until smooth.

Dip vanilla wafers in melted chocolate; allow excess to drip off.

Place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Chill until set.

Melt remaining white chocolate; stir until smooth.

Tint as desired.

Spread a small amount onto the center of each cookie; place a chocolate chip in the center.

For bloodshot eyes, use a toothpick dipped in red food coloring to draw lines from circles to outer edges of wafers. Chill until set. Store in an airtight container.



Frightening Fingers

INGREDIENTS

1 cup butter, softened; 1 cup confectioners' sugar; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon vanilla extract; 1 teaspoon almond extract; 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 1 teaspoon salt; Red decorating gel; 1/2 cup sliced almonds

PREPARATION

In a large bowl, drop cream butter and sugar. Beat in the egg and extracts. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Divide dough into fourths. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes or until easy to handle. Working with one piece of dough at a time, roll into 1-in. balls. Shape balls into 3-in. x 1/2-in. fingers. Using the flat tip of a table knife, make an indentation on one end of each for fingernail. With a knife, make three slashes in the middle of each finger for knuckle. Place 2 in. apart on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 325° for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 3 minutes. Squeeze a small amount of red gel on nail bed; press a sliced almond over gel for nail, allowing gel to ooze around nail. Remove to wire racks to cool



Monster cookies Halloween

Number of doses: 12

Ingredients

For the mass of cupcakes

4 eggs; 125 g Greek yogurt; 1 tablespoon vanilla essence dessert; 40 g melted butter; 175 g sugar; 185 g flour; 1 tablespoon yeast / yeast dessert; 30 gr colored nuggets

For the butter cream:

250 g unsalted butter; 200 g icing sugar; 2 tablespoons milk; 1 tablespoon of vanilla essence dessert; dyes (preferably paste) sugar eyes



Preparation

- In a container (either on the machine or by hand), beat the ingredients in the order of the list with the wire rod, tapping each other except the colored nuggets.
- Add the colored nuggets only at the end and mix lightly with a spatula.
- Put paper cupcake molds on a baking sheet. Put the dough inside. Sprinkle with colored nuggets to decorate the top.
- Bake 15-20 minutes at 170°C. Chop with a toothpick to make sure they are ready. When removing from the oven, let cool outside the baking mold so it does not create moisture / moisture.
- While they cool, prepare the cover cream: It is preferable to have a kitchen robot or a magic / wand, otherwise you risk not having good texture. Beat the butter (room temperature) for 5 minutes. Add half the confectioner's sugar and beat for another 5 minutes.
- Add the rest of the icing sugar and beat for another 5 minutes. Add the vanilla essence and milk and beat 5 to 10 minutes until the cream turns yellow to almost white and has a creamy consistency.

• Divide the cream into 4 cups and put different dye in each cup.

• To decorate cupcakes, use a pastry bag:

We used a star-shaped mouth. Put the mouth inside the bag, closed.

• Cut the tip of the pastry bag into the half of the mouth that you put inside.

• Place the bag inside a glass, opening it to facilitate the cream.

• With the aid of a spatula, place the filling inside the bag. Close the bag and push the filling to the tip where the mouth is.

Without letting go.

• Decorate to taste with different colors.

• Put your eyes on sugar in a frightening way.

• Ready to eat!



Halloween Boardgame Halloween Boardgame

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START		When is Halloween		Name two things that can fly!
	Name two Halloween		Miss a turn!	
Name a Halloween activity		Name three Halloween colours!		Spell Halloween out loud!
	How many Harry Potter books are there?		Go back three spaces!	
Move forward to the cauldron.		What do you say to get		What is the colour of a ghost?
	Name two things you eat at Halloween.		What does a witch ride?	
What does a ghost say?		Get a candy from your teacher!		Name three things to put in a brew!
END	Name the title of a Halloween movie.		Name three costumes you can wear at Hal-	

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Celebrate Halloween

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bat
candies
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scared
spider
skeleton
trick or treat
vampire
warlock
werewolf
witch
zombie



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HALLOWEEN – CURIOSITIES

8TH A AND B STUDENTS

Halloween is a traditional and cultural event. It occurs mainly in English-speaking countries such as the United States, Canada, Ireland among others! This event originates the celebrations of the ancient peoples of these countries.

For example in the United States, the tradition of Halloween is very strong.

The children wear costumes and knock on the doors of the houses saying the traditional phrase:

"Trick or treat?" The joke consists of asking for candy and who denies "suffers" a little game.

Here in Portugal, Halloween is more and more celebrated by children, it is true that the tradition is not as strong as in the United States, but here we start to line up with the "trick or treat" game and

the pumpkins! Normally, on this day people decide to decorate everything with dark things, make pumpkins with candles inside, mask themselves to scare people among others ...



The Origin of the Jack-o-Lantern

It is obvious that the Jack-o-Lantern is one of the most recognized figures of Halloween, but what is the story behind it?

Apparently, this story is an Irish tale of the 1800s called **Stringy Jack**. Stringy Jack is a man who loved to prank his friends, family and the devil himself! One day, he invited the devil for a drink, but Jack didn't want to pay it, so the Devil turned himself to a coin to buy the drinks in exchange of Jack's soul. Little did he know that Jack put the coin in his pocket, which prevented the Devil from turning back to his original form. Jack eventually freed the Devil on one condition: he can't bother him for 10 years.



Later, ten years have passed, and the Devil was excited to have Jack's soul, but Jack had one trick up his sleeve! He said: "before I go, can I have an apple from that tree?" pointing to an apple on the top of the tree, so, the Devil climbed and grabbed the apple. But, when he was on the top, Jack carved a sign of the cross on the tree so that the Devil could not come back down. Jack made the promise to the devil that he would never ask for his soul again.

Shortly after, Jack passed away, but God didn't allow him to go to heaven and the Devil has kept his word, so he started panicking and asked the Devil for a light. Ironically, the Devil tossed Jack into the flames of hell, but he grabbed a turnip and fire to create the iconic "Jack-o-Lantern" and left Hell. From that day forward, Jack roams the earth desperate to find a home. The tradition also connects with the story! People carve scary faces on pumpkins and turnips to prevent Jack and other spirits away from their house.

Halloween in Mexico

Different from other countries, Mexico celebrates Halloween with the name of "Día de Los Muertos" with some differences. "Día de Los Muertos" is celebrated with a lot of colours and happiness. It is celebrated between the days 31th October and 2nd November. Long before Spain conquered a part of America, the Mexicans (Mayans, Aztecs, etc.) already celebrated this day. Another tradition is a sweet and soft bread with the shape of bones and fingers which is called the bread of the dead.

The main symbol of "Día de los Muertos" is a colourful skull moreover lots of music and food. This Mexican holiday originates from an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess Mictecacihuatl.

The celebration of Mexican Day of the Dead is similar to the observances of other societies at one time to honour the dead. The Spanish tradition, for example, includes festivals and parades, as well as family gatherings in cemeteries to pray for loved ones deceased at the end of the day. The festivities, considered a patrimony of humanity according to Unesco, mobilize the entire Mexico, where family and friends come together and celebrate the visit of the deceased ancestors to the earth.

Some places where people celebrate this scary festivity:



In Scotland, the land of witches, Halloween is taken seriously because it is common to leave an empty chair and a plate of food so that the spirits have something to eat and, of course, so that they can rest.

In Madagascar Halloween parties usually have an extremely gloomy climate because there Halloween is called Famadihana and practically the family unearths the bodies of the dead to make a clean and clear party with a lot of fun and drinking.

And this is Halloween in some countries. It is undoubtedly creepy and scary...

Traditionally, Halloween lasted 3 days, that coincided with the actual celebrations of vigil of all saints (31st October), All Saints Day (1st November) and Day of the Deceased (2nd November).

Many Celtic traditions were lost with Christianization, but the Halloween fires (in honor of dead family, to purify the people and the earth and take away demons, the Irish and Scottish light up bonfires on top of hills) yet continued to burn until the end of century XIX.

The practice of trick or treat is a tradition with, probably, origin in the first's commemorations of the Day of the Deceased in England. In that day the poor used to ask food from door to door. Families give them smalls cakes called soul cakes in exchange for a prayer for their deceased families.



Nowadays, it's becoming a common thing, kids are get dressed to school with funny costumes such as vampires, witches, zombies and so on. They also start to organize parties and go door to door asking for trick-or-treat.



In Portugal, when my mum was a kid, together with other children from her hometown, on November 1st, they went from door to door asking for "Pão por Deus". While they

were asking for it, they were singing and saying poems and they received bread, cookies, nuts, chestnuts and they put the offers in a bag made of cloth.

HALLOWEEN

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Students

What exactly is Halloween ? Originally it was when the Celts would celebrate the end of the summer and the beginning of the harvesting season. Later on in the middle ages they would consider it to be the day were the dead came back to life and unlike nowadays Halloween back then was feared not celebrated .

What do you do on Halloween? Well nowadays Halloween is celebrated by a great quantity of different nations but it all goes in roughly the same way: everybody gets dressed up as different monsters like for example : vampires, witches and the classical devil . then you go out trick or treating.

What is trick or treating? Trick or treating is very simple , you knock on your fellow neighbors door and yell trick or treat , if the person opens the door you get a nice treat (normally sweets) , if not you are allowed to leave a little “surprise” for them .



Halloween has many traditions: the use of pumpkins, the trick or treat and the connection of being the day of terror!

The Tradition of the pumpkins arose because of the Jack of the Lantern that when it died was not accepted in the sky and then it began to wander in the streets on Halloween nights with a lantern. Then they began to put the lantern in a pumpkin that was the abundant food in the United States. Later they became common around the world!



Halloween



On 31st October you see most children dressed in scary clothes, going from some houses and trick or treating for candy and sweets. Then you know that this day is Halloween - a time of celebrations and scary stories. Children usually organize parties for their friends, make lanterns with big pumpkins, visit haunted locations and watch horror movies. People like to light bonfires to ward off all evil spirits and ghosts.

Why is black cat a scary thing in Halloween? The black cat became famous because in the legends the black cats were like the spirits of the dead. They are famous for appearing on the nights of full moon and to go to the roofs of the houses and to see the night to finish.



Why are strong colours used in Halloween?

Orange - is a vibrant colour and some people used to think spirits want catch everyone dressed orange clothes.

Black - is the coulour used by witches, wizards and evil geniuses.

Purple - is use for representing magic.

HALLOWEEN

The Fisherman

This is a story of a man who went fishing every night. though he had to ride past the cemetery, he

He used to go always alone because he enjoyed the silence. And even was never scared.

One night he was so tired that he fell asleep while fishing. When he woke up it was 2 a.m. He took his bike and rode home. Suddenly he spotted a boy who was crying. He stopped to ask him why he was alone in the dark. He replied that he had got lost and asked him for a lift. The fisherman agreed and the boy sat on the rear of his bike. The fisherman rode for a long time losing the sense of time. He was tired and did not know where he was riding to.

Eventually he found himself in front of the cemetery gates. He was afraid. It was almost dawn. He turned around to check on the boy, but he was not there. Terrified the fisherman went home as fast as he could. He told no one about what happened to him that night. Then, after a while, he heard a story about a little boy who had drowned at the place where he was fishing. His soul has been wandering there for many years. The next morning, he went to the church and lit a candle for the poor boy's soul.

When the night fell he went fishing again. And again, he met the same boy at the gate of the cemetery. The boy stood there with a big happy smile on his face. This time the fisherman felt no fear.

An awkward decoration

Once upon a time, a woman decided to organize a Halloween Party to cheer up her husband who had been going through a huge depression suffering from suicide thoughts. So, she asked her husband to search for an original Halloween decoration, days before the holiday. After thinking wisely about that for a long time, the man thought if he hung himself, his body would be a really nice and original decoration. As it was an exceptional idea, the man didn't said anything about it to anyone, even to his wife. He searched a lot on the internet to know how many days his body, after death, would be necessary to be only bones. So, after many days of search, he hangs himself, but before he wrote a letter to his wife explaining why he kills himself. Then, the woman went to the jail accused of encouraging suicide.

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The Scary old mine

It was afternoon at the Thompsons's house. Isabel was dressing up for a party with her friends at the abandoned building, in the forest near the old mine. The night came and the party started. The frightens were the main attraction and someone had the idea of playing hide and seek in the mine. The game was being fun until some guys that she had never met before disappeared. They got really scared but they had to get in and search for them. First, they thought they were just playing a Halloween prank but after one hour searching for them, they got scared and decided to call the police officers and the firefighters. One of them managed to get out of there alive but was still very confused and numb. Afterwards, he told parts of the story that he remembered: "we heard some steps and we went further into the mine. Suddenly an old lady appeared and scared us. I started running toward the exit but the others went with the old lady".

There are still people who believe that the old lady was a woman that disappeared a week ago after her husband's death and there are some who think the lady cut the bodies in parts to rebuild the body of her dead husband. The lady has never been found either.

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Bloody Night

Sophie was a girl who believed in the existence of ghosts and on Halloween, she just wanted to go out looking for treats, hoping to find a scary ghost to get a good scare. Needless to say, Sophie loved horror stories.

On October 31st at night, the girl went with her friends through the houses to ask for the "trick or treat". When she got home she counted the sweets, and after a while the tired girl went to sleep.

At midnight Sophie woke up with a noise. She did not know what it was. She looked around and saw nothing. She tried to sleep again, but when she closed her eyes, she heard the noise again. That's when she started to get scared. When she looks at the ceiling, she sees a ghost and begins to hear voices and immediately, she started to have a huge headache. She was like this for a few minutes.

When the pain was over, she ran to his parents room and told them what happened but they didn't believe it and said it had been a nightmare. The ghost was furious that she told her parents, so it waited for her to go back to sleep.

The night passed and everything seemed calm, but in the morning, when Sophie's parents called her to eat the sweets, something unexpected happened. She was dead and her body was full of blood with no signs of violence, which further intrigued her parents about how the disaster had happened.

To this day, Sophie's parents do not know what happened, was an unspeakable case for the police and science. After that day, Halloween was never the same for anybody, the girl's parents would set up an altar to strengthen the connection to their soul with our world. Some people also say that particular ghost haunts all children who will not fetch sweets.

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The Spirits of Halloween

This happened in a little town in Northern Saskatchewan. Even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true.

Harry was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark and stormy Halloween night. The night was getting darker and the rain came harder, and no cars went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly Harry saw a car come toward him and stop.

Without thinking about it, Harry got in the car and closed the door. Just as he realized there was nobody behind the wheel, the car started to move. As his panic set in, he looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Scared beyond belief, he started to pray, begging for his life. Just when the car got to the curve, and Harry thought it was all over, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel.

Harry was paralyzed in terror as he watched the hand appear every time the car got to a curve.

Gathering strength, Harry jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in

shock, he went to a bar and asked for two shots of rye. He started telling everyone about the horrible experience he went through. The crowd sat in an eerie silence when they realized that Harry was crying and wasn't drunk.

About half an hour later, two guys walked into the same cantina. One said to the other,

"Look Pete, there's the jerk that got in the car when we were pushing it."

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The Tree

October 31st night, the typical night when everyone is psychologically prepared to be given a fright.

John and Sam are two of them. In John's car they were already preparing for what was supposed to happen that night. The plan would be just going to a party and return home without anything bad happening.

On the way they were singing random songs that they were listening to on the radio. All was well, entering the party gave them the first scare of the night, but it was something light and even a child could endure without having nightmares during the night. The music was so loud and the vibe was all there. John and Sam enjoyed the whole party and they were always with each other. They both decided to take a walk around the neighborhood from where the party was held. They came across a graveyard that marked the end of the street. She was sitting there, an old woman, unkempt, who looked about 80 years old. She was there asking for alms, but what came to John's mind was "what would a person of such age be doing there at such an hour?" They approached her and she said:

-Be careful with the tree, there is something about it that on this kind of nights is foreshadowed.

None of them care because it did not make sense. What tree is she talking about? There are lots of trees around there, you can't guess which one it is.

-But what tree are you talking about? - asked Sam.

-You'll realize when you get past it.


The two friends didn't care much about what the old lady said. They decided to go home. On the way back, it was dark and the only lighting was the headlights of a car eventually lost. Out of nowhere they were surrounded by vast corn plantations that prevented them from seeing the end of the road. In the background the corn began to diminish until a tree appeared in front of it. Their first thought was that it was "The Tree." They weren't scared and decided to make a game. Whoever came to the top of the tree first and wrote his name there won. Sam went first, picked up a rope he had in the car, and tied it to one of the lower branches so that if anything happened up there he might have some support down below. John grabbed the pocketknife that would mark the winner's name on top of the trunk. Sam started to climb, but suddenly John could hear his friend's screams and cries for help. For his part, he had not arrived in time to save him, for in the next second he fell all bloody and already dead. John, seeing his friend in those tears, returned to the car, but it didn't start. It had lost its entire battery because it left a light even if it was lit inside the vehicle. He had no other choice, he locked the doors and he slept in the back seat.

The next morning he woke up in the daylight, but what he wanted to be a nightmare was right in front of his eyes. Sam's body. He was dead. John was horrified but he was determined to find out what had happened to his friend. His willingness to know what had really happened to his friend made him climb the trunk. Amazed at what was written there, he almost fell. "Sam Davis,

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This could only be a match, but it was not. Sam would never have committed suicide and could never have written it with his own hands, for the pocketknife never came out of John's pocket.

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Since we were born there is always an abandoned house, right in front of ours. It doesn't seem haunted or something like that. It isn't dark, big with a large empty garden and bats flying around it, like in the movies.

It's colourful, neither big nor small (maybe medium size) with some trees and scrubs. So, we thought it might be a funny idea to go there and see how the house was inside.

It was cold. We took our coats and a pack bag with some lanterns and food, just in the case of one of us start getting hungry. We wouldn't need anything else. It would be a quick trip. At least we thought it would.

I think none of us was scared, we were excited with the idea of doing finally something different at the Halloween night. Besides that, we all know that, in group, we're always the bravest. But that doesn't mean we're also safe.

It was easy to get into the house. There wasn't any door. At that moment, we realized that there were three floors and not only the two we saw from the outside holes on the walls.

The stairs were creaking while we were, carefully, trying to get to the attic. Once there we turned on our lanterns and started looking for something that might had some interest.

We were quietly walking when we heard our friend screaming. The rest of the group ran immediately to her side and what we saw was terrifying. Bones. Human bones inside of a small box, covered by candles.

We tried to stay calm. We will be calling home soon and our parents will be there in a few minutes to help us and take over the situation. And, guess what, there wasn't network. Obviously, we panicked.

Even so, we went downstairs to come back home. But, in the place of the missing door there was a big heavy stone with a message: "Give me blood, I give you a way out".

We didn't understand at the time but now we do. Whoever it is wants us to sacrifice one of the group. The boxes must be of people who were killed by their partners, so these ones could leave this terrible house.

Right now, it's the next day and we're all seated on the floor. We just found more ten boxes and we don't know what to do. I can't kill, I'm not a murderer. I can't die. I'm scared.

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"A Creepy Smile in the Darkness"

Kate was a normal teenager with normal teenage girl needs, mainly hanging out with her friends. To earn some money, she regularly babysits for her neighbours. One evening not too long ago, she did just that, she was looking after the Kingston's children who decided to go out and have some fun.

Mrs. Kingston left her the phone number of the restaurant they were going to, said "Good Night" to her children and off they went. Shortly after that, it was time for the kids to go to bed. Kate brought them upstairs. Only a short time later, the children came back downstairs complaining: "Katy, can't you cover up the creepy clown?" Wondering what all this was about, Kate went upstairs to find a rather creepy clown statue standing in the kids bedroom. Not wanting to break anything, she called the Kingstons and asked about the statue. "Take the kids and get out of the house as soon as you can", Mrs. Kingston said. "We don't own a clown statue". A short time after the police arrived. The clown had disappeared by then but fortunately got captured later that same night. A policeman told Katy later that the creepy clown was a wanted criminal responsible for the murder of twelve people.

So perhaps you will think twice about smiling back next time a suspicious clown grins at you.



Even astonished, Ned could not stop staring at that strange figure, until she stopped waving, and seemed to have a fit of rage, she started yelling and clapping her hands violently against the window. Ned was so terrified to see, that he even had a tumble falling on his back. Still falling, Ned continued to hear the screams and sounds that that woman provoked when she knocked on the window. "Oh my God, what's going on?" ,thought Ned. Then, a little while later, the sounds ceased, and the night was silent again.

Ned lay on the floor, did not have the slightest nerve to get up and look towards Bob's house again. But the worst scare was yet to come. Ned began to hear sounds in the living room of his own house, then sounds footsteps on the staircase leading upstairs to his bedroom, exactly where he was at the moment. Terrified, Ned shrank into one of the corners of the room and listened to the sounds of footsteps coming closer and closer until a woman appeared, the same woman he saw in Bob's living room window. She was naked, she cried a lot, and there were many bruises on her body that bled a lot. When Ned saw that dreadful-looking woman approaching, she went into despair and fainted. When he came back to him, it was morning. Still confused and frightened by what he witnessed last night, he stood up and went to his bedroom window, and from there he could see the street full of people and many police cars and fire engines in front of Bob's house. Ned was even more confused.

The news after all events was that the police, through a report of a neighbor who heard desperate shouts of a woman, found the bodies of three women in the back of Bob's house, he cruelly murdered the three. Bob was arrested a day later in another city, he confessed to the murders. Ned was surprised by Bob's cruelty, because he never expected this from someone who had always been a good friend.

That day, after waking up from the fright and seeing all that movement in the street, Ned noticed something that was not only on the wall of the room, but in other rooms of the house, in all those places was written in blood the phrase "Help me!".