



Halloween

Let's get to know each other.

Work with a partner. Comment on the questions below.

P.S. Your teacher will change your partner every 5 minutes (twice in total).

Click on this card to see the next one.

1. What's the most eye-opening experience you've ever had?
2. What's the scariest experience you've ever had?
3. What's the most unpleasant experience you've ever had?
4. What's the scariest movie you've ever seen?
5. What's the most physically painful experience you've ever had?
6. What's the craziest thing you've ever done?

What's the topic?

Look at the pictures. What do they have to do with today's lesson?



Game show!

Who wants to be a millionaire?

- Work with a partner. Play the game [here](#) to find out more about Halloween.
 - Calculate your correct answers to report back to class.
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Vocabulary

Follow the link [here](#). Match the words with their synonyms.



Video time

Watch a short episode of 'Friends' and comment on the questions below with your partner. [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)

1. What Halloween costume did Ross wear last year?
 2. Why did Rachel choose a dress but not a costume?
 3. Was Chandler happy with his wife's choice? Why (not)?
 4. What does Ursula's fiancé do?
 5. Who won the arm-wrestling fight?
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Reading

Read the text below to learn more about the holiday of Halloween. Work with a partner and comment;

- 1. What did you learn. What was new to you?*
 - 2. Share 3 facts from the text that you remember.*
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History of Halloween

Halloween (or Hallowe'en ... but also known as Samhain, Summer's End, All Hollow's Eve, Witches Night, Lambswool, and Snap-Apple), is a holiday that is celebrated annually on the night of October 31. It originated in Ireland and is said to be among the world's oldest holidays. The simple history of Halloween - it has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain (celebration of the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture). Traditionally, the festival was a time that was used by the ancient pagans to take stock of their supplies and slaughter livestock for winter storage. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundary between the living and the dead dissolved, and the dead become dangerous for the living by causing problems such as sickness (plague) or damaged crops. The celebration of Samhain would frequently involve bonfires, upon which the bones of slaughtered livestock were thrown; costumes and masks were also worn to mimic the evil spirits or placate them.

The essential elements of Halloween - lighting bonfires, costuming, trick-or-treating, telling ghost stories and attending parties can all be traced back to Samhain celebrations as early as 2000 years ago. Ultimately, the Celts believed that on October 31, the Lord of Death (Saman), would call together all the souls that had died the previous year for them to travel to the afterlife. Thus, the living would often disguise themselves in ghoulish costumes for the spirits of the dead to think they were one of their own, and pass by them without incident. The villagers would also wear masks and form parades to lead the spirits (souls) out of the town. The Celts would also offer food to Saman, to persuade him to more be temperate when he is judging their ancestors. This is seen as a precursor to "trick-or-treating", a key component of modern-day Halloween celebrations.

History of Halloween in America - Halloween did not become a holiday in the United States until the 19th century. Strict Christian traditions and lifestyles prevented this, and American almanacs of the late 18th and early 19th centuries do not include Halloween in their lists of holidays. The trans-Atlantic migration of almost 2 million Irish in the mid-1850s finally brought Halloween to the United States. Scottish emigration, primarily after 1870, also brought the Scottish version of Halloween. By the mid-1900s, Halloween had become engrained in the fabric of American society. From a commercial perspective, Halloween is now the United States' second most popular holiday (after Christmas).

Thank you and happy Halloween!

