

Guy Fawkes Day (worksheet)

Activity 1

Discuss with your partner:

1. What can you see in the pictures?
2. What are the missing words?



Activity 2

Watch the [video](#) and choose the correct option:



Guy Fawkes was a person who:

- A. assassinated King James I of England and VI of Scotland.
- B. tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
- C. was sent by Spanish king to conquer England.

Activity 3

Read the sentences and match the words with definitions.

1. The plot to kill the king was discovered before it was carried out.
2. An economic crisis could bring down the government.
3. He felt that his colleagues were united together as conspirators to remove him from his job.
4. He's got an impressively large store of wine in his cellar.
5. Gunpowder could be used to fire rockets, cannons, and bombs.
6. They drank a whole barrel of beer at the party.
7. The fire was thought to have been caused by a gas explosion.

1. a plot		A. a room under the ground floor of a building, usually used for storing things
2. to bring down somebody		B. an explosive mixture of substances in the form of a powder, used for making explosive devices and fireworks
3. a conspirator		C. the fact of something such as a bomb exploding
4. a cellar		D. a large container, made of wood, metal, or plastic, with a flat top and bottom and curved sides that make it fatter in the middle
5. gunpowder		E. a secret plan made by several people to do something that is wrong, harmful, or not legal, especially to do damage to a person or a government
6. a barrel		F. to cause someone to lose power
7. explosion		G. a person who plans secretly with other people to do something bad, illegal, or against someone's wishes

Activity 4

Watch the video again and mark the sentences TRUE, FALSE or NOT STATED:

1. Guy Fawkes was Catholic since his childhood.
2. He wanted to bring down the king James I.
3. Guy Fawkes and other conspirators made the plot known as the 'Gunpowder Plot'.
4. They rented several cellars under the Houses of Parliament in London.
5. Guy Fawkes was the man who was going to light the gunpowder and cause the explosion.
6. The men put 36 barrels of gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament and they waited for the King and other Lords to open Parliament on 5th of November in 1605.



7. However, an anonymous letter helped police find the gunpowder before the explosion and they caught all the men involved in the plot.

8. The men were set free.

9. The Parliament declared that on the 5th of November making the "Gunpowder Plot" should be celebrated annually.

10. Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London.

11. On 5th November all people around the world remember the spectacular attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament by celebrating 'Bonfire Night' with firework displays, sparklers, toffee apples and bonfires with models of Guy Fawkes which are burned on the fire.

12. Guy Fawkes mask has become a well-known symbol for the group Anonymous.



Activity 5

Discuss with your partner:

1. Do you have a holiday like Guy Fawkes Day in your country?
2. Which festivals in your country remember historical events?
3. Do you think festivals are a good way to remember historical events? Why (not)?
4. When do you have firework displays in your country?

Extra

Practise reading the poem:

*Remember, remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot,
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.*

*Guy Fawkes, Guy Fawkes,
It was his intent —
To blow up the King and the Parliament.
Three score barrels of powder below,
Poor old England to overthrow:*

*By God's mercy he was catch'd
With a dark lantern and burning match.
Holloa, boys, holloa, boys, make the bells ring.
Holloa, boys, holloa, boys, God save the King!
Hip hip hoorah!*

