

Super English



Level 5/6

Halloween Lesson



The Origins of Halloween

Read and discuss. Source: Library of Congress.

Halloween falls on October 31. Its history includes Samhain, an ancient Celtic festival marking the end of the **harvest** season. People lit **bonfires** and believed **spirits** could visit the living. Later, the evening before the Christian holiday of All Saints' Day became known as All Hallows' Eve. Over time, different traditions helped shape Halloween.

1. What did Samhain mark?
2. Why celebrate the end of a harvest?
3. How has Halloween changed?
4. Does a holiday's history matter? Why?



The Jack-o'-Lantern Legend



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Before pumpkins became a Halloween symbol, people in Ireland **carved** faces into turnips. One **legend** connects these **lanterns** with a character called Stingy Jack, who wandered with a light inside a turnip. A legend is a traditional story, not a proven fact. Today, carved pumpkins are familiar Halloween decorations, often with funny or **frightening** faces.



1. How is a legend different from a fact?
2. Why might people turn a story into a decoration?
3. What object could represent a holiday in your culture?

Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- harvest
- legend
- symbol
- disguise
- community
- evolve

- 1.to change gradually over time
- 2.a story passed down, often without proof
- 3.the gathering of crops from fields
- 4.people who live in an area or share interests
- 5.something that stands for an idea
- 6.clothes or a changed look that hide who you are

Dialogue 1: The Robot Costume



Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Liam: My robot costume is made from old boxes.

Emma: Does it have any special powers?

Liam: Yes. It can finish homework in seconds.

Emma: Then why haven't you finished yours?

Liam: The batteries are still charging.

Emma: I like your disguise. Can you sit down?

Liam: Not yet. That's my next design problem.

Emma: Maybe add some folding knees!

Question: How would you improve Liam's costume?

Dialogue 2: A Change of Plan

Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Noah: Let's visit every house on this street.

Mia: Every house? My bag is already heavy.

Noah: We need a better strategy.

Mia: How about going to the community party?

Noah: Will there be any treats?

Mia: Yes, and games that don't need a candy bag.

Noah: Good. My arms need a holiday too.

Mia: Then let's ask Dad to take us there.

Question: Which plan would you choose, and why?

Would You Rather?



Give reasons. Level 6: explain a drawback of your choice.



Would you rather make an original costume or buy a detailed one?



Would you rather explore a spooky house or tell a scary story?



Would you rather host a small party or join a big community event?



See you next time!

