

The Story of Halloween

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Jak mi to šlo? ☆ ☆ ☆

Read the text. Přečti si text.



Where does Halloween come from?

Halloween is celebrated on 31 October, but its story began more than 2,000 years ago. The Celts, who lived in Ireland, Scotland and other parts of north-west Europe, celebrated a festival called Samhain. It marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter, the dark half of the year. People believed that on this night the border between our world and the world of spirits was very thin. They lit big bonfires and wore costumes and masks so that the spirits would not recognise them.

Later, the Christian church made 1 November All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day. The evening before it was All Hallows' Eve, and this name slowly changed to Halloween.

In Ireland and Scotland, people carved faces into turnips and put candles inside to make lanterns. Children went from house to house in costumes. This was called guising: the children sang a song or told a joke and got fruit, nuts or coins.

In the 19th century, many Irish and Scottish families moved to America and took their traditions with them. There they found pumpkins, which were bigger and easier to carve than turnips, and the famous jack-o'-lantern was born. In the 20th century, children in North America started saying "Trick or treat!" at the door. Today, the custom has spread to many countries, including the Czech Republic.

True or false? Circle T (true) or F (false). Pravda, nebo nepravda?

1. The name Halloween comes from All Hallows' Eve.

T F

2. All Saints' Day is on 31 October.

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3. Samhain was a festival of the Celts.

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4. Today, Halloween is celebrated only in America.

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5. The story of Halloween began more than 2,000 years ago.

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6. People lit bonfires at Samhain.

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Complete the sentences with ONE word from the text. Doplň jedno slovo z textu.

1. In Ireland and Scotland, people made lanterns from turnips.2. Children who went guising got fruit, nuts or coins.3. Going from house to house in costumes was called guising.4. People believed that the border between our world and the world of spirits was very thin.

Find the English words in the text. Najdi v textu anglická slova.

mince = coinvatra = bonfirevyřezat = carvetuřín = turniphranice = borderpoznat = recognise