

## Halloween – History



### Exercise 1

Translate the following words and expressions

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## Exercise 2

### Fill in the gaps

hilltops                  herds                  goddess                  origins                  associated  
 commemorating                  disguises                  largely                  divination                  believed  
 favourable                  corresponding                  frighten                  observed

Halloween, contraction of All Hallows' Eve, a holiday \_\_\_\_\_ on October 31, the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day. In much of Europe and most of North America, observance of Halloween is \_\_\_\_\_ nonreligious. Halloween had its \_\_\_\_\_ in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. On the day \_\_\_\_\_ to November 1 on contemporary calendars, the new year was believed to begin. That date was considered the beginning of the winter period, the date on which the \_\_\_\_\_ were returned from pasture and land tenures were renewed. During the Samhain festival the souls of those who had died were believed to return to visit their homes, and those who had died during the year were \_\_\_\_\_ to journey to the otherworld. People set bonfires on \_\_\_\_\_ for relighting their hearth fires for the winter and to \_\_\_\_\_ away evil spirits, and they sometimes wore masks and other \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid being recognized by the ghosts thought to be present. It was in those ways that beings such as witches, hobgoblins, fairies, and demons came to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the day. The period was also thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ on matters such as marriage, health, and death. When the Romans conquered the Celts in the 1st century, they added their own festivals of Feralia, \_\_\_\_\_ the passing of the dead, and of Pomona, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the harvest.



### Exercise 3

#### Choose the most appropriate answer

1. In the 7th century Pope Boniface IV established All Saints' Day, \_\_\_\_\_ on May 13.

- accordingly
- originally
- specially

2. In the following century, perhaps in an effort to supplant the \_\_\_\_\_ holiday with a Christian observance, it was moved to November 1.

- saint
- divine
- pagan

3. The evening before All Saints' Day became a holy, or hallowed, \_\_\_\_\_ and thus Halloween.

- evermore
- eve
- event

4. By the end of the Middle Ages, the secular and the sacred days had \_\_\_\_\_.

- confirmed
- merged
- submerged

5. The Reformation \_\_\_\_\_ put an end to the religious holiday among Protestants.

- generally
- essentially
- especially

6. Along with other festivities, the celebration of Halloween was largely \_\_\_\_\_ among the early American colonists.

- forbidden
- spooked
- gathered

7. When large numbers of immigrants went to the United States beginning in the mid 19th century, they took their Halloween \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

- objects
- customs
- slanders

8. In the 20th century Halloween became one of the \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. holidays, particularly among children.

- permanent
- particular
- principal

9. Halloween is the second highest grossing \_\_\_\_\_ holiday after Christmas.

- commercial
- consumer
- consumption

10. The word "witch" comes from the Old English wicce, \_\_\_\_\_ "wise woman."

- meaning
- establishing
- defining

11. According to popular \_\_\_\_\_, witches held one of their two main meetings, or sabbats, on Halloween night.

- prejudice
- belief
- standing

12. The first known mention of trick-or-treating in print in North America \_\_\_\_\_ in 1927 in Blackie, Alberta, Canada.

- originated
- occurred
- stated

13. Ireland is \_\_\_\_\_ believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.

- graphically
- typically
- merely



**Exercise 4**

Watch the video about Halloween celebration. What was of interest to you?

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GrdVgEOdxkU>



**Exercise 5**

**Find the most appropriate ending to the sentences**

**(сделать выпадающий список)**

**if they do not receive a treat**

**the jack-o'-lantern**

**thought to have derived from the British practice**

**pulling usually harmless pranks**

**holiday has incorporated scary beings such as**

**associated with a number of activities**

**has attempted to make the collection of money for its programs**

**often include games such as**

**carved into a demonic face**

As a secular holiday, Halloween has come to be \_\_\_\_\_. One is the practice of \_\_\_\_\_. Celebrants wear masks and costumes for parties and for trick-or-treating, \_\_\_\_\_ of allowing the poor to beg for food, called "soul cakes." Trick-or-treaters go from house to house with the threat that they will pull a trick \_\_\_\_\_, usually candy. Halloween parties \_\_\_\_\_ bobbing for apples, perhaps derived from the Roman celebration of Pomona. Along with skeletons and black cats, the \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts, witches, and vampires into the celebration. Another symbol is \_\_\_\_\_, a hollowed-out pumpkin, originally a turnip, \_\_\_\_\_ and lit with a candle inside. Since the mid-20th century the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) \_\_\_\_\_ a part of Halloween.