

Exercise 3

Listen to the text and fill in the gaps while listening

<https://eslholidaylessons.com/10/halloween.html>

Halloween is celebrated on October the 31st every year. It originated from a **1) pagan** holiday and the Christian holiday of All Saints' Day. The name Halloween is a shortened version of All Hallows' Eve. Today, it is more of a fun day for children and has largely lost its religious **2) roots**. Halloween is probably most famous in the U.S.A. Irish immigrants took it to America in the mid-1600s and it slowly spread across the country. Halloween is not celebrated in many countries around the world although many people know about it. Some Christians are not so happy that people celebrate Halloween.

Halloween has many **3) easily** identifiable symbols. The colors orange and black are widely used. In particular, orange pumpkins and fires and black witches, cats and costumes are **4) common** features of this day. One of the biggest Halloween activities is trick-or-treating. This is when children **5) knock** on doors and ask for a small gift. If they don't get anything, they'll play a **6) trick** on the person who opens the **7) door**. Food also plays a big **8) part** of Halloween. Toffee apples are very popular and so is anything made from pumpkin. Halloween is also a popular topic for Hollywood. Many **9) horror** movies have been made about it. Because of this, Halloween is now known in many countries that never actually celebrate it.

Exercise 4

Match the following phrases from the article

1. It originated from a - **c) pagan holiday**
2. a shortened version - **a) of All Hallows' Eve**
3. Irish immigrants took - **d) it to America**
4. it slowly spread - **e) across the country**
5. festival of the - **b) dead**

Exercise 5

Answer the questions

1. When is Halloween celebrated?
a) 13 October

b) 31 October

c) 1 November

2. What are the special colours of Halloween?
 - a) purple and orange
 - b) white and orange
 - c) black and orange**
3. What is a Jack-o-Lantern made of?
 - a) pumpkin**
 - b) cucumber
 - c) potato
4. The festival of Halloween marks
 - the end of summer.
 - the end of autumn.**
 - the end of winter.
5. A witch flies on a
 - board.
 - broom.**
 - cat.
6. Who brought Halloween to America?
 - English immigrants
 - German immigrants
 - Irish immigrants**
7. What aren't supernatural creatures?
 - princesses**
 - fairies
 - witches
8. What do children say when they knock at the door on Halloween?
 - Trick or Treat**
 - Trick or Money
 - Trick or Beat
9. Which creatures abound during Halloween?
 - black rats
 - white mice
 - black cats**
10. What is a potion?

- a liquid with magic powers**
- a mixture of dried flowers
- something to eat

Exercise 6

Rebuild the sentences, so that they make sense

- 1) Halloween was originally a Celtic festival
- 2) Some children dress up in costumes at Halloween
- 3) Some people make Jack O' Lanterns for Halloween
- 4) One of the biggest Halloween activities is trick-or-treating
- 5) At Halloween children knock on doors and ask for a small gift