

HALLOWEEN READING COMPREHENSION 1 – INGLÉS ESO

Nombre: _____ Curso: _____

Read the text

Halloween has a long history. It started over 2,000 years ago with the Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts, who lived in what is now Ireland, the UK and parts of Europe, celebrated their new year on 31st October. They believed that on this night the boundary between the world of the living and the dead was thinner, and that the spirits of the dead could return to earth. To keep away evil spirits, people lit big fires and wore animal skins or frightening disguises.

Later, the Christian tradition of All Hallows' Eve (the night before All Saints' Day) influenced the celebration, and the name Halloween comes from this.

Today, Halloween is a popular festival, especially in the United States and many other countries. People dress up in costumes, decorate their homes with pumpkins and scary figures, and children go trick-or-treating, visiting houses to get sweets. Although it has changed over time, Halloween is still a time to remember its old traditions and enjoy a little bit of mystery and fun.



1 True or False

Read the sentences and decide if they are True (T) or False (F) according to the text.

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Halloween started more than 2,000 years ago. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. The Celts celebrated Samhain in summer. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. People believed that the spirits of the dead could return on that night. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. The name Halloween comes from a Christian tradition. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Today, children go trick-or-treating to get presents. | ☐ | ☐ |

2 Vocabulary

Match the words from the text with their definitions.

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|----------------------|---|--|
| 1. Samhain | • | • A. clothes you wear to look like someone or something else |
| 2. spirit | • | • B. a special Celtic festival |
| 3. fire | • | • C. the soul of a dead person |
| 4. disguise | • | • D. to visit houses and get sweets |
| 5. costume | • | • E. the clothes you wear for Halloween or a party |
| 6. trick-or-treating | • | • F. a big, hot flame |

3 Answer the questions

Read the text again and answer the questions in your own words.

1. When did the Celts celebrate Samhain? _____
2. What did people do to keep away evil spirits? _____
3. Where does the name Halloween come from? _____
4. What do people do today to celebrate Halloween? _____

HALLOWEEN

VOCABULARY 1 - INGLÉS ESO

Nombre: _____ Curso: _____

1 Halloween vocabulary

Look at the pictures and learn the words.



1. ghost



2. witch



3. haunted house



4. pumpkin



5. graveyard



6. spell



7. bat



8. skeleton



9. broom



10. black cat

2 Match the words and the pictures

Write the correct number (1-10) next to each word.

a. pumpkin

f. skeleton

b. ghost

g. bat

c. broom

h. witch

d. black cat

i. spell

e. graveyard

j. haunted house



3 Complete the sentences

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

ghost witch pumpkin broom skeleton black cat

- The _____ is flying in the sky.
- The _____ has a magic wand.
- There is a _____ in the garden.
- The _____ is orange and round.
- The _____ is riding a _____.
- The _____ is very old and scary.

Useful expressions

Read and remember.



I can see a **ghost**.



The **witch** has a **broom**.



The **haunted house** is scary.



Halloween Reading Comprehension 2 – INGLÉS ESO

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Read the text

Today, Halloween is celebrated in many different ways around the world. In the United Kingdom and the United States, children often wear costumes and go trick-or-treating in the evening. They knock on doors, say 'trick or treat!' and collect sweets in bags or buckets.

At home and at school, people also enjoy Halloween activities. They carve pumpkins, decorate classrooms with bats and ghosts, tell spooky stories and play games. Some teenagers prefer watching scary films, visiting haunted houses or going to Halloween parties with friends.

Although Halloween is fun, it is also important to stay safe. Children should go out with adults or in groups, wear comfortable costumes and be careful when crossing the street. In the end, Halloween is a celebration of imagination, creativity and fun.



1 Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- Where do children go trick-or-treating?
A. From house to house. ☐
B. To the beach. ☐
C. To the library. ☐
- What do people carve at Halloween?
A. Apples. ☐
B. Pumpkins. ☐
C. Stones. ☐
- What do some teenagers enjoy?
A. Watching scary films and going to parties. ☐
B. Studying for exams. ☐
C. Swimming in the sea. ☐
- How should children go out on Halloween night?
A. Alone. ☐
B. Without costumes. ☐
C. With adults or in groups. ☐
- What is Halloween in the end?
A. A summer holiday. ☐
B. A celebration of imagination, creativity and fun. ☐
C. A sports festival. ☐

2 Vocabulary

Match the words from the text with their meanings.

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|----------------------|---|---|--|
| 1. costume | • | • | A. protected from danger |
| 2. trick-or-treating | • | • | B. to cut a shape into something |
| 3. carve | • | • | C. candies or sugary treats |
| 4. haunted house | • | • | D. a scary place or attraction |
| 5. sweets | • | • | E. clothes you wear to look different |
| 6. safe | • | • | F. going from house to house asking for sweets |

3 Short answers

Read the text again and answer the questions in your own words.

- What do children say when they knock on doors? _____
- Name two Halloween activities people do at home or at school. _____
- Why should children be careful on Halloween night? _____
- What does Halloween celebrate according to the text? _____

HALLOWEEN VOCABULARY 2 - INGLÉS ESO

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1 Vocabulary: Look, read and learn



monster



costume



moon



spider



web



candle



candy



vampire



zombie



mask



2 Circle the correct word

Look at the picture and circle the correct word.



1. ☐ spider ☐ candle



2. ☐ moon ☐ web



3. ☐ candy ☐ costume



4. ☐ mask ☐ monster



5. ☐ zombie ☐ vampire



6. ☐ costume ☐ candle



3 Write the missing word

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the vocabulary box.

1. The _____ is very big and bright tonight.



2. I have a scary _____ for the party.



3. There is a _____ in the corner of the room.



4. A _____ makes a web in the garden.



5. He is a _____ with blood on his clothes.



6. The children get _____ when they go trick-or-treating.



4 Write your own Halloween sentence

Use the vocabulary words to write three different sentences. You can be creative!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

WRITE A HORROR STORY

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Step 1: Choose your ingredients



Setting:

Where does the story happen?



Characters:

Who is in the story?



Problem:

What strange or scary thing happens?



Ending:

How does the story end?



Horror vocabulary



creepy



ghost



haunted house



full moon



shadow



stormy night



scream



terrified



whisper



mysterious



footsteps



monster



Step 2: Structure your story



Beginning:

Introduce the setting and characters.



Middle:

Something mysterious or frightening happens.



Ending:

Explain what happens in the end.



Useful connectors

First

Suddenly

Then

Meanwhile

After that

Finally

In the end



Challenge

Write your own horror story. Try to use at least 4 connectors and 6 horror words.



Optional starter ideas

1

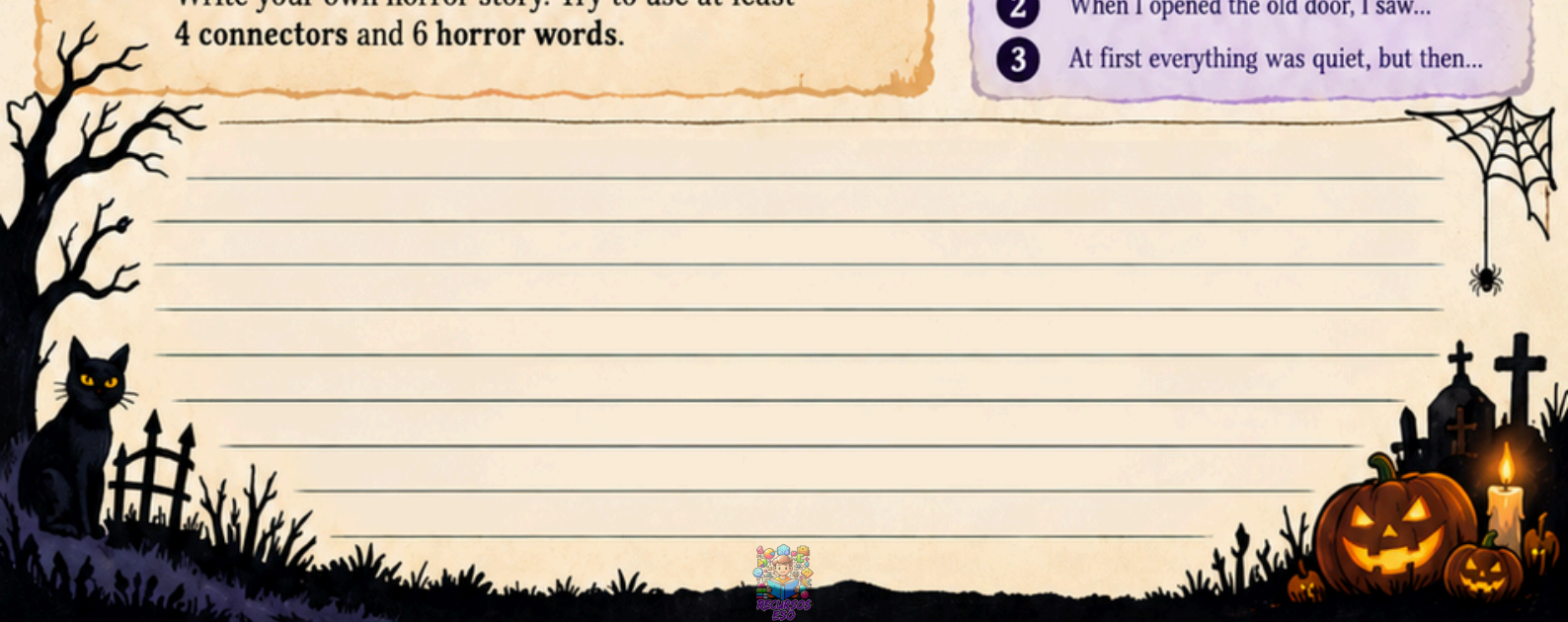
It was a dark and stormy night when...

2

When I opened the old door, I saw...

3

At first everything was quiet, but then...



HALLOWEEN SPEAKING CARDS

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Use the cards to speak in pairs or small groups. Ask, answer and justify your ideas in English.

1 Would you rather...?

Would you rather spend a night in a haunted house or in a graveyard? Why?



2 Would you rather...?

Would you rather meet a ghost or a vampire? Why?



3 Would you rather...?

Would you rather watch a horror film alone or with friends? Why?



4 Would you rather...?

Would you rather be invisible on Halloween night or be able to talk to monsters? Why?



5 Scary situations

You hear footsteps behind you in a dark street. What do you do?



6 Scary situations

You open a door and find a mysterious old box. What happens next?



7 Scary situations

You are alone at home and the lights suddenly go out. How do you react?



8 Scary situations

You see a shadow at the window during a stormy night. What do you think it is?



9 Debate & opinion

Do you think ghosts are real? Why or why not?



10 Debate & opinion

What is scarier: zombies, witches, ghosts or clowns? Explain your answer.



11 Debate & opinion

Why do people enjoy scary stories and horror films?



12 Debate & opinion

Should children read or watch scary stories? Why or why not?

