

Step into Learning



A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing and spelling.

Halloween

People celebrate Halloween in many parts of the world. Did you know that Halloween started in Ireland more than 3,000 years ago?

Many of the things that people do at Halloween today like dressing up, trick or treat, and making pumpkin faces all came from old Irish **customs**.

A long time ago, Halloween was called **Samhain** (sow-win). Samhain is the Irish name for November. It was an important festival in Ireland. It was the start of the new year.



Samhain was at the end of summer. People picked fruit and vegetables for the winter. They lit big bonfires and sat around the fires and shared food.

People believed that on 31 October, ghosts and spirits came back to Earth. To stay safe, people dressed up as ghosts or witches. They thought this would trick the spirits. This is why people still dress up at Halloween today.

People also cut out faces in turnips and put candles inside them. They left them outside their homes to keep bad spirits away.



This custom comes from the story of **Jack O'Lantern**. Jack was a man who tried to play a trick on the devil. When he died, he could not go to heaven or hell. The story says that he still walks around the Earth with a burning coal inside a turnip.



Irish people who moved to America brought their Irish Halloween customs with them. In America, turnips were not common, so they used pumpkins instead. Today, pumpkins are a part of Halloween all over the world.

Today, children often go from house to house on Halloween night and say, "**Trick or Treat!**" People give them sweets and treats. This also happened many years ago when poor people went to the houses of the rich to beg for food.



If children go out to trick or treat, they should stay safe. They should carry a torch, wear bright clothes or a high-visibility jacket, and always go with an adult.



Words from the story



Halloween	celebrate	trick	treat	pumpkin	
turnip	children	ghost	witch	bonfire	customs

Read and answer

Use a word from the box to fill in these sentences

1. On 31 October we celebrate _____.
2. People _____ Halloween all over the world.
3. Children go to houses and say " _____ or _____".
4. Now, people cut a face into a _____.
5. In Ireland many years ago they cut a face into a _____.
6. _____ love Halloween.
7. People like to dress up as a _____ or a _____.
8. Some people light a big _____.
9. Many of the Halloween things we do today came from old Irish _____.

Words ending in 'ight'

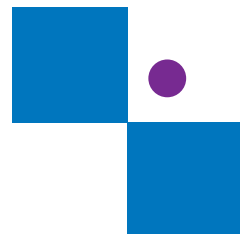


Example: n + ight = night
 r + ight = right

fight	might	right	tight	flight
light	night	sight	bright	fright

Use a word from the list above to fill in the blanks below.

1. It is dark, turn on the _____ .
2. I am going to stay in Dublin for one _____ .
3. I got a bad _____ when I saw the child dressed as a ghost.
4. I get my eye _____ tested every 2 years.
5. That light is very _____ , it is giving me a pain in my head.
6. Did he get it wrong or _____ ?
7. I got the wrong size; the jeans are too _____ .
8. I am not sure, I _____ go out.
9. Katie Taylor won her _____ in Croke Park.
10. I am going on a _____ to London next week.
11. Do you use your left hand or your _____ ?
12. If something is not heavy, then it is _____ .



Spelling practise: Words ending in 'ight'

The first one is done for you.

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|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| • l + ight = | light | • s + ight = | _____ |
| • f + ight = | _____ | • t + ight = | _____ |
| • m + ight = | _____ | • fl + ight = | _____ |
| • n + ight = | _____ | • fr + ight = | _____ |
| • r + ight = | _____ | • br + ight = | _____ |

Put the words below into your own sentences.

1. Light _____

2. Night _____

3. Fright _____

4. Bright _____

5. Flight _____

6. Tight _____

7. Fight _____

Halloween word search



Find these words that are hiding below.

Halloween	m	p	s	a	w	i	t	c	h	x	j	s
bonfire	o	u	h	a	l	l	o	w	e	e	n	x
trick or treat	u	m	l	a	p	p	l	e	s	x	n	g
apples	e	p	l	a	j	l	h	f	f	a	m	h
witch	q	k	v	u	z	u	i	d	m	j	m	o
pumpkin	m	i	n	u	t	s	t	c	s	k	k	s
nuts	v	n	c	b	o	n	f	i	r	e	v	t
	t	r	i	c	k	o	r	t	r	e	a	t

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