

Halloween party

Today all my friends are here for my Halloween party. My sister Jenny is wearing a witch's costume. She's got green hair, a big black hat and an awful mask. I'm a ghost! I'm wearing an old sheet. It isn't easy to walk or eat in this costume!

Lisa and George are bobbing for apples. It's a traditional game at Halloween parties. There are apples in a bowl of water and they're trying to get them with their mouths. There's a lot of water on the floor and on their clothes now!

But ... do you know about Halloween? It's a is a very old festival that comes from the Celts. Nowadays Halloween is real fun both for children and adults. On Halloween, the 31st October, children wear masks and special funny costumes. Some boys are ghosts and they paint their faces white. Other boys are pirates because they can carry a big sword. Lots of families get a pumpkin for Halloween. You make a face in it. The face can be happy, sad, funny or angry. It has got a very big mouth. Then you put a light in your pumpkin and put the pumpkin in the window.

On Halloween children go trick-or-treating. What does trick-or-treating mean? It means they go to people's houses and say *trick or treat?* Most people give them a treat – sweets, or chocolate, for example. Some people don't give them anything. Then the children play a trick. For example, they shoot them with a water pistol.

Tonight children are visiting their friends and they are asking for sweets and candies. Their clothes are beautiful! A girl is wearing a black dress and a black hat, she is a witch! Her friend is a green monster! She is running from house to house and she is eating a lot of chocolates! Look! That boy is a mummy! And he is dancing!

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VOCABULARY

Goblin – witch – witch hat - ghost – pumpkin – bat – spider – skeleton – broom – black cat – web – vampire – hoot – spooky – mask – lantern – apple bobbing – owl – sweets – trick or treat – moon – night – mummy – monster – grave – werewolf - cauldron