

10-31-2011 Halloween Lesson for Intermediate and Advanced Class

Use the words in this table to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

cape	devil	candy	ghosts
cauldron	potion	witch	hole
trick or treating	treats	jack o lantern	pointy hat
vampire	pumpkin	mask	blood
costume	haunted	die	flashlight
grim reaper	scary	pitchfork	cloak



This boy is wearing a _____. A scary _____ is covering the boy's face. He has a bag full of _____. His bag has a _____. He is dropping his _____.



These children are _____. One is dressed as a _____ and one as a _____. The dog is wearing a mask and a _____. One child is carrying a _____. Another child is carrying a _____.



This is a _____ house. It is a house where _____ live.



This witch has a _____. She is stirring a magic
in a big pot called a _____.



This is a _____. Begin with a _____. Carve eyes, nose and
mouth. Put a candle inside. It looks _____.



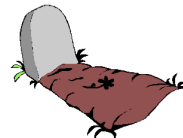
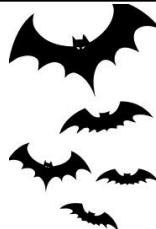
This is a _____. He has two big teeth. He will bite your neck. He will suck your



This is the _____. He wears a black _____ with a hood. His face looks
like a skull. He causes people to _____.

Use the words in this table to match the pictures below.

skeleton	grave	pumpkin	Frankenstein	ghost	gravestone
witch on a broom	monster	black cat	skull	bats	graveyard



History of Halloween

Halloween was celebrated in Britain 2000 years ago by the Celts. November 1st marked the end of the fall harvest and the beginning of the long, dark days of winter. On October 31st, they built a huge bonfire to honor their gods. They dressed themselves in animal skins and animal heads and danced around the bonfire. The people believed the line between the living and the dead was blurred on this night.

Christian priests did not want the Celts worshipping other gods on this day. The Christian priests started a celebration of the saints on November 1st. It was known as All Saint's Day or All-Hallowmas. The night before, October 31st was known as All-Hallows Eve. The celtic customs of dressing up and dancing around at night continued. In 1000 AD, the church changed the date to November 2nd and included honoring all the dead, not just saints.

In Catholic countries, All-Saints day is a major holiday. In the U.S., which is mainly Protestant, we celebrate Halloween (Hallows evening). People dress in costumes. Children trick or treat for candy and treats.

Discussion:

1. Do you celebrate All-Saints day or Halloween or neither?
2. Does your country have a celebration to honor the dead? What traditions are part of this holiday?
3. What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?
4. Did anyone ever tell you a ghost story or any kind of scary story?
5. Do graveyards scare you?
6. Do you believe the dead can contact the living?