

FUMC ESL Halloween Lesson

Yesterday we celebrated Halloween. Do the vocabulary match exercise in your envelope. Put the words on the table. Have a student draw a picture from the envelope and match it with one of the words on the table.

Halloween is about scaring and being scared.....Share with the group your scariest moment since you've been in the US.

List some things you're scared of....

Halloween-

Talk about:

Trick or treating, bobbing for apples, carving pumpkins, jack o lanterns, wearing costumes, telling ghost stories, haunted houses, souls, devil, witch, witch's brew, broomstick, spirits, black cats, cauldrons, goblins, monsters, pumpkins, vampires, skeletons, scary , creepy

Do you celebrate Halloween in your country? Do you dress up in costumes? Is it celebrated by kids AND adults?

Halloween was originally called All Hallow's (something that is hallowed, is holy or sacred) or All Saint's Day and was a day for remembering the people who had died over the past year. The night before was called all-hallows eve, which eventually became Halloween. People would build bonfires and dress up as saints, angels or devils. Many countries have special holidays around this time to honor and remember the dead. In your country do you celebrate a day like this? When is it? What is it called? What are the customs for that day?

During the All Hallow's Day celebrations, the poor would beg for food from those celebrating. People would give them "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the families dead relatives. Sometimes poor children would knock on doors to beg and would be given treats. This is the origin of trick or treating.

Talk about someone you miss. What is your best memory of them?

Really silly Halloween riddles: Why are they funny?

1-How do you fix a jack-o-lantern?

With a pumpkin patch.

2-What did the french fries dress up as for Halloween?

Masked potatoes.

3-What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?

A sand witch.

4-What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite.

5-Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

He didn't have the guts.

6-What do you call a skeleton who won't work?

Lazy bones

Discuss in your group:

Is Halloween dangerous?

Would you allow your kids to trick or treat?

Have you ever trick or treated?

Do you allow your children to eat all the children they get?

What would you do if you found out your child had wrapped someone's house as a trick?

What age is too old to trick or treat?

Are ghosts real?

Are you afraid of bats?

Describe your most memorable holiday.

What Halloween decorations are inappropriate?

What Halloween costumes are inappropriate?