

Halloween symbols

pumpkin

candle

Jack-o'-lantern







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funny costumes of witches, skeletons, ghosts, vampires and pirates



trick-o-treat



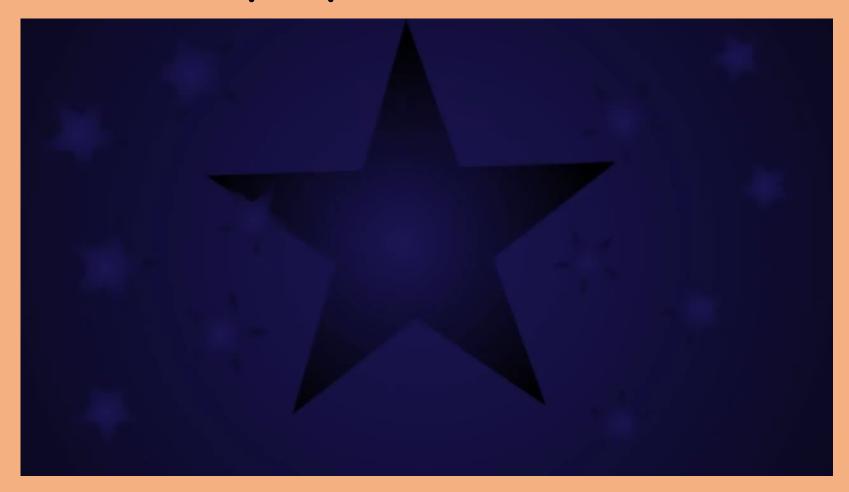
The history of Halloween

- Many centuries ago Celts lived on the British islands, where now you can see Ireland and Scotland, and on the $1^{\rm st}$ of November they celebrated the Holly Day.
- They believed that on the Eve at night witches, vampires, wicked magicians could do everything with people. People locked doors and shut windows and never went out at night.
- Nowadays on the 31st of October people celebrate a merry holiday - Halloween.
- In the evening children put on funny costumes of witches, skeletons, ghosts, vampires and pirates, dance and play games. They go from house to house and say "trick-o-treat!". And people give them candies and fruits.

Answer the questions:

- · Who lived on the British islands many centuries ago?
- When did they celebrate the Holly day?
- Why did people lock doors and shut windows?
- What do people celebrate nowadays?
- When do they celebrate Halloween?
- What game do children play?

What costumes do children usually wear to play "Trick or treat"?



The legend

- Once there lived a funny girl. She had got Granny and loved her very much.
- On the 31st of October she decided to visit her Granny and to bring her a big pumpkin.
- The girl had to go through a big dark forest. A wicked witch lived there and liked to eat small children.
- She saw a little girl and tried to catch her.
- The girl hid behind bushes, took a pumpkin, cut an ugly face, put a candle into it and put a pumpkin on her head.
- The witch saw a very tall monster with big luminous eyes, got a scare and ran away.
- The clever girl brought the pumpkin to her Granny, and Granny baked a taste pie.
- Since that time people put pumpkins with candles inside on the windows on the Halloween night.