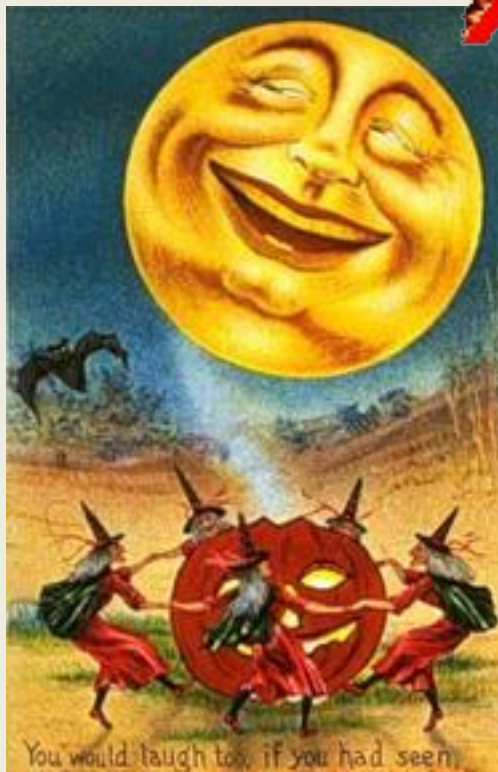


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**On October 31st British people celebrate Halloween. It is the most colorful and exciting holiday of the year.**



**Halloween is time for fun. It is very dear to those who celebrate it, especially to children and teenagers.**



**Streets and houses are decorated with pumpkins.**



**In ancient times people made fires and danced around them. They hoped to frighten evil spirits and to bring warmth to their houses.**





**The traditional decoration is Jack-o-lantern. People cut holes in the pumpkin and put a candle inside it. It looks frightening at night!**



**Children dress up, go from house to house and cry:  
“Trick or treat”? You are to give them some tasty  
things or they will play a trick on you.**



**The most popular costumes are of witches, skeletons, black cats, ghosts and other.**





**At Halloween parties children play traditional games. Many games date back to the harvest festivals of very ancient times.**



**One of the most popular is called bobbing for apples.  
One child at a time has to get apples from a tub of  
water without using hands. But how to do this? By  
sinking his or her face into the water and biting the  
apple!**



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