

HALLOWEEN





**Halloween
is a festival
that takes place
on October 31.**



**In the United States
children wear costumes and masks
and go trick-or-treating.**



Many of them
carve jack-o'-lanterns
out of
pumpkins.



**Fortunetelling
and storytelling
about ghosts
and witches
are popular
activities.**



The main Halloween activity for Children is trick-or-treating. Children dress in costumes and masks and go from door to door saying "trick or treat". The neighbours give children such treats as candy, fruit and pennies So that children do not play tricks on them.

Trick or

treat?



Most jack-o'-lanterns contain a candle inside. An Irish legend says that jack-o'-lanterns are named after the man called Jack.



He could not enter
heaven
because
he was
a miser,



and he could not enter
hell because
he had
played jokes
on devil.



**As a result,
Jack has
to walk on the
earth with his
lantern until
Judgment Day.**



Fortunetelling is an important part of Halloween.



For example, a coin,
a ring,



and a thimble



were baked into a cake.



**It was believed that the
person
who found the coin
would become wealthy.**



The one who found the ring



would marry soon.



**And the person who
found the thimble**



**would never get
married.**

People once believed that there
were many ghosts



and witches
on the Earth



and that they
met on October 31



to worship
the devil.



**Today, people
do not believe in ghosts
and witches but they
like to tell stories
About them on
Halloween.**





Happy
Halloween

Answer the questions:



- 1. When is Halloween celebrated?**
- 2. What do the children do on Halloween?**
- 3. What are the popular activities on Halloween?**
- 4. Do people believe in ghosts and witches today?**