

Halloween

Halloween (also spelled Hallowe'en) is an annual holiday celebrated on October 31. It has roots in the Gaelic festival of Samhein and the Christian holy day of All Saints. Irish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America during Ireland's Great Famine of the 1840s.

The day is often associated with orange and black, and is strongly associated with symbols like the jack-o'-lantern. Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, wearing costumes and attending costume parties, ghost tours, bonfires, visiting haunted attractions, pranks, reading scary stories and watching horror films.

Trick or Treat?

ITICK-or-treating is a custom for children on Halloween. Children proceed in costume from house to house, asking for treats such as confectionery, or sometimes money, with the question: "TrIck or treat?" The trick is an idle threat to perform mischief on the homeowners or their property if no treat is given.

Jack-o'-Lantern

It is typically a carved pumpkin. It is said to be named after a legend telling the story of a drunkard called Jack who was given a burning piece of coal to put in a turnip so that he could see in the dark after being refused to enter Heaven and Hell.

Tim Burton: The Nightmare before Christmas

Plot: Halloween Town is a dream world filled with monsters, ghosts, vampires, witches... Jack Sellington ("The Pumpkin King") leads them into a frightful celebration every Halloween, but he has grown tired of that routine. Wanderning in the forest, he accidentally opens a portal to "Christmas Town". Jack presents his findings to the Halloween Town residents and proposes to celebrate Christmas...