



HALLOWEEN

1. Complete the questions below about Halloween.

•When is Halloween?

• Name three things you know about Halloween:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Now read the passage below and highlight Halloween activities in green, Halloween observances in yellow and Halloween food in orange.

3. Use your notes to fill in the table below.

Halloween activities	Halloween observances	Halloween food



A jack-o'-lantern, one of the symbols of Halloween

Halloween, or **Hallowe'en** (a contraction of All **Hallows'** Evening), also known as **Allhalloween**, **All Hallows' Eve**, or **All Saints' Eve**, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day.

Halloween activities include **trick-or-treating**, attending Halloween costume parties, decorating, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing and divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories and watching horror films.

In many parts of the world, the Christian religious **observances** of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and **secular** celebration. Some Christians historically **abstained** from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes and soul cakes. (from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Here are some definitions to help you. Words in **bold underlined** are in the glossary.

hallow: another word for "saint"

trick-or-treating: an activity in which children dress up as magical or frightening creatures and visit people's homes to ask for sweets

observance: a practice, rite, or ceremony

secular: not religious

abstain: do not consume

4. Write your favorites:

- Halloween costume: _____
- horror movie: _____
- Halloween food: _____
- Halloween activity: _____

5. Draw one or more things from exercise 4 on your notebook.