What is ‘Halloween’?

Halloween is a tradition that began in Europe many hundreds of years ago. Nowadays, it is a special day in many countries around the world. It always falls on the same date every year, on (1) **October 31**. At night, children wear (2) _____________. These are clothes that make them look like interesting (3) _____________, monsters, or people. The costumes usually include a (4) _____________ or some makeup for the face. For example, on Halloween you might see an elephant, a (5) _____________ with a tall, black hat, or maybe even a (6) ____________ ghost! The children then go from house to house and ask for (7) _____________ by saying, (8) “______________.” Many older kids and adults also put on costumes and they go to Halloween (9) _____________. “Jack o’ lanterns” are very common. A lot of people like to put them in their (10) ____________ or on their front door steps. They are (11) ____________ with candles inside, and faces cut into them. Most people have a lot of (12) ____________ on Halloween. Happy Halloween everyone!

(about 150 words)
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Vocabulary Practice

• Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

1. candle  B A. a large, round, orange vegetable
2. costume  ___ B. a long stick of wax that can be burned to give light
3. make up  ___ C. a person (usually a woman) that has magic powers
4. mask  ___ D. strange and scary
5. monster  ___ E. colors used on the face to change the way you look
6. pumpkin  ___ F. a strange and scary animal (probably not real)
7. spooky  ___ G. clothes people wear to look like another person or thing
8. witch  ___ H. something used to cover your face

How Much Do You Understand?

• Write ‘T’ (True) or ‘F’ (False) next to each statement.

1.  F The paragraph describes the best costumes to wear at Halloween.
2.  _____ Halloween is popular in many places in the world.
3.  _____ People usually celebrate Halloween in the morning or in the afternoon.
4.  _____ Elephants like to wear tall, black hats.
5.  _____ Pumpkins are very common during Halloween.
6.  _____ Most people are afraid of witches during Halloween, so they stay at home.

Discuss

• Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Do people in your country celebrate Halloween? (If ‘yes’, how?)
2. Too much candy can be bad for you. Do you think it’s better for children to ask for fruits and vegetables?
3. What kind of person or animal would you like to be during Halloween? Why?
Halloween is a tradition that began in Europe many hundreds of years ago. Nowadays, it is a special day (1)_______ many countries around the world. It always falls on the same date every year (2)_______ October 31. At night, children (3)_______ costumes. These are clothes that make (4)_______ look like interesting animals, monsters, or people. (5)_______ costumes usually include a mask or some make up for the face. For example, on Halloween you might see (6)_______ witch with a tall, black hat, or maybe even a spooky ghost! The children then (7)_______ from house to house and ask for candy by saying, “Trick or treat?” (8)_______ older kids and adults also put on costumes and they go to Halloween parties. “Jack - o’ lanterns” (9)_______ very common. A lot of people like to put (10)_______ in their windows or on their front door steps. They are pumpkins with candles inside, (11)_______ faces cut into them. Most people (12)_______ a lot of fun on Halloween. Happy Halloween everyone!

1. (A) in (B) on (C) at (D) to
2. (A) at (B) by (C) on (D) in
3. (A) is wearing (B) wearing (C) wears (D) wear
4. (A) them (B) they (C) their (D) theirs
5. (A) An (B) This (C) A (D) The
6. (A) these (B) a (C) an (D) those
7. (A) goes (B) going (C) is going (D) go
8. (A) Much (B) Many (C) More (D) More than
9. (A) are (B) be (C) is (D) do
10. (A) they (B) them (C) their (D) they’re
11. (A) but (B) so (C) because (D) and
12. (A) have (B) has (C) is having (D) having
Scan the letters below. How many words can you find in 12 minutes?

Who can draw the scariest pumpkin?

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Halloween
Find all 12 PUMPKINS
(The first one is done for you.)
Hurry! You have only 12 minutes!

Who can draw the scariest pumpkin?

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Writing Practice – Spelling and Capitals

Try to find the one spelling or capital mistake in each line of the paragraph below.

halloween is a tradition that began in Europe many
hundreds of years ago. Nowadays, it is a special day in
many countries around the world. It always falls on the
same date every year, October 31. At night, children wear
costumes. These are clothes that make them look like
interesting animals, monsters, or people. The costumes
usually include a mask or some makeup for the face. For
example, on Halloween you might see an elephant, a witch
with a tall, black hat, or maybe even a spooky ghost! The
children then go from house to house and ask for candy
by saying, “Trick or treat?” Many older kids and adults also
put on costumes and they go to Halloween parties. Jack-o'
lanterns are very common. A lot of people like to put them
in their windows or on their front door steps. They are
pumpkins with candles inside, and faces cut into them.
Most people have a lot of fun on Halloween. Happy
Halloween Everyone!
Halloween is a tradition that began in Europe many hundreds of years ______. Nowadays, it is a special day in many ______ around the ______. It always falls on the ______ ______ every ______, October 31. At ______, children wear ______. These are clothes that make them look like interesting ______, monsters, or ______. The costumes usually include a ______ or some make up for the ______. For ______, on Halloween you might see an ______, a witch with a tall, black ______, or maybe even a spooky ______! The children then go from ______ to ______ and ask for ______ by saying, “Trick or treat?” Many ______ ______ and ______ also put on ______ and they go to Halloween ______. Jack-o' lanterns are very ______. A lot of people like to put them in their ______ or on their front ______ ______. They are ______ with candles inside, and ______ cut into them. Most people have a lot of ______ on Halloween. ______ Halloween everyone!
NARRATIVE Writing: Use your imagination and complete the paragraph by writing a spooky ghost story. Remember to use Past Tense grammar in your writing.

Last year, on Halloween, something very strange and spooky happened.
**Language Focus**  Present Simple Tense / Past Simple Tense  
**Level**  Intermediate to Upper Intermediate  
**Time**  Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

- **Complete the Paragraph**
  1. October 31
  2. costumes
  3. animals
  4. mask
  5. witch
  6. spooky
  7. candy
  8. Trick or treat?
  9. parties
  10. windows
  11. pumpkins
  12. fun

- **Vocabulary Practice**
  1. B  
  2. G  
  3. E  
  4. H  
  5. F  
  6. A  
  7. D  
  8. C

- **How Much Do You Understand?**
  1. F (It describes the Halloween tradition)
  2. T
  3. F (They usually celebrate it at night.)
  4. F (Witches wear tall, black hats.)
  5. T
  6. F (Most people are not afraid of witches.)

- **Grammar-in-context**
  1. A  
  2. C  
  3. D  
  4. A  
  5. D  
  6. B  
  7. D  
  8. B  
  9. A  
  10. B  
  11. D  
  12. A

- **Spelling and Capitals**
  1. Halloween
  2. years
  3. It
  4. October
  5. clothes
  6. people
  7. face
  8. see
  9. even
  10. to
  11. Many
  12. Halloween
  13. very
  14. their
  15. inside
  16. people
  17. everyone

- **Homework Idea**
  Write a ghost story (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your story.

**EXPLORE on-line:**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween  
http://www.listenaminute.com/h/halloween.html  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPRaY5QWKIk  

Do you have any comments or suggestions? Did you find any errors in this lesson plan? Contact me via Facebook, I’d love to hear from you!
~Robert 😊