**Halloween special**

In Britain and the USA, the 31st of October is an important date in the calendar, especially for young children. It is the night of Halloween. The name comes from “All Hallows Eve” .The word ‘*hallow*’ means “holy” or “saint” and “eve” means “the day or night before an important day” so it is the day before 1st November.

Before Christianity, the first of November (All Saints’ Day) was the first day of the year. At this time, many people believed that bad spirits of the dead revisited their homes. They also believed that other evil spirits like witches and demons were free, too. For this reason they were scared and stayed at home. However, nowadays it is a different story.

Today children have lots of fun on Halloween. They dress up as witches, devils, black cats, skeletons, vampires or other scary characters. With the help of their parents, children make lanterns out of pumpkins (also called jack o’ lanterns).

To make a pumpkin lantern you cut out the insides and then cut out two eyes, a nose and a mouth in one side of the pumpkin. Next, you put a candle inside the pumpkin and light it. Now you have a jack o’ lantern; you can make the faces as frightening as you like!

Small groups of children dressed up as witches, black cats, etc go into the street and knock on people’s doors. When a person opens the door, the children say “Trick or Treat?” Most people usually say “Treat” and give the children some sweets or small change (some money).

However, if someone says “Trick”, then the children do something bad, for example, they put dirty water on the windows or car, ring the doorbell and run away, repeatedly knock on the window or throw flour on the floor... Water guns are very popular, too.

# A: Answer the following questions about the text in FULL SENTENCES.

# What’s another name for Halloween?

# What’s the meaning of the word ‘hallo’?

# Why was 1st November important in the past?

# Are people scared on Halloween nowadays?

# What’s the name of the pumpkin with eyes, nose and mouth?

# What do people give the children when they say ‘Trick or Treat’?

# What do the children do when the people say ‘Trick’?

**B: Find the words!**

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| 1. It's unlucky to cross the path of this animal 2. Woman who flies on a broomstick 3. Spirits of dead people 4. Original name for Halloween 5. Animal that drinks human blood 6. Vegetable used to make a lantern 7. Wear special clothes for fun |
| 1. Phrase when you knock on someone’s door 2. walking alone through a forest in dark night is … 3. One form of a vampire 4. Person's bones without skin or flesh 5. Male witch 6. Afraid of something 7. Pumpkin with a light |

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| ALLHALLOWSEVE | BAT | BLACKCAT |
| WIZARD | http://www.wpclipart.com/holiday/halloween/pumpkin/pumpkins_3/black_pumpkin_T.pngDRESSUP | GHOSTS |
| JACKOLANTERN | PUMPKIN | SCARED |
| SCARY | SKELETON | TRICKORTREAT |
| VAMPIRE | http://www.halloweenhdpics.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Halloween-Witch-2.jpgWITCH |  |