

Halloween



Halloween is on October 31st. This day of ghosts, witches and skeletons dates back to an old pagan custom. Children make lanterns out of pumpkins that look like a person's face and put them in front of their houses so that 'bad people' will go away. Children also go to their neighbours' houses and say 'trick or treat'. The neighbour has to give them something like chocolate, fruit or some money. If they don't give them anything, the children will play a trick on them, e.g. wrap their car in toilet paper, fill the letterbox with stones etc.

Under <http://www.holidays.net/halloween/story.htm> you'll find more information about the **Story of Halloween**. Read this information carefully and then answer the questions below. After each answer there is a letter in brackets. If you put the letters of the right answers in the right order, you'll get the name of the symbol of Halloween today.

1. The name of the Celtic festival which influenced today's Halloween was
 - Pomona Day (A)
 - Samhain (M)
 - All Saints Day (S)
2. The Celts celebrated their New Year on
 - January 1st (F)
 - October 31st (T)
 - November 1st (N)
3. On their New Year's Day the Celts celebrated
 - the beginning of the season of the sun (E)
 - the beginning of the season of darkness and cold (K)
 - the end of the season of darkness and cold (P)
4. The Druids were
 - Celtic musicians who played folk music (P)
 - Celtic priests (U)
 - Celtic evil spirits (D)
5. On October 31st, the Druids - the Celtic priests - used to meet
 - near a waterfall (B)
 - in the old church of the village (V)
 - in a dark oak forest (I)
6. The Celts believed that the new cooking fires kept their homes free from
 - wild animals (T)
 - evil spirits (P)
 - evil neighbours (U)
7. The festival of Samhain lasted
 - for 3 days (P)
 - for 3 weeks (R)
 - for 1 month (E)