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Do you believe in ghosts? 你相信有鬼吗?

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Though many people think it is an American festival, Halloween is a festival which began in Ireland thousands of years ago called Samhain. It was a celebration of the end of the **harvest** season, when **livestock** was killed to store for winter.

People believed that on 31st October, the dead would come back to life and cause sickness or other problems. So they made **bonfires** with bones of animals, and made masks to **mimic** or to **placate** the **evil spirits**. Halloween or Samhain has remained a popular festival in Ireland to this day, and children have a week's holiday from school for the occasion.

The festival was linked in England with the celebrations for **All Souls Day** on 2nd November – a day for remembering loved ones who had died. 1st November is **All Saints Day** or **All Hallows Day**, so Halloween is really **All Hallows Eve** – the day before **All Hallows**. On this day, children would go to their neighbours' houses and sing songs for cakes or money.

Halloween was not celebrated in the United States until the 19th century, but has now become one of the biggest festivals of the year there. Irish immigrants had brought with them the traditions of Halloween, such as carving lanterns from **turnips**. In the USA **pumpkins** were used instead and now this is popular everywhere.

Other traditions include dressing up in **fancy dress** and **trick or treating** – going around knocking on people's doors hoping to receive sweets and **threatening** a trick or **prank** if not. These traditions have spread around the world, including back to the UK and Ireland.

In many parts of the world, celebrations are less **frivolous**, and more closely related to the tradition of remembering the dead. In Mexico, and several other countries, The Day of the Dead is celebrated and involves visiting **cemeteries** and placing food or flowers on the **graves**. Lighting candles, singing, dancing and telling stories about the **deceased** are all part of the celebrations.

So, do you believe the dead will wake on Halloween?

Glossary 词汇表

harvest 丰收	livestock 家畜
come back to life 复活	bonfires 大火堆, 篝火
to mimic 模仿	to placate 安慰, 抚慰
spirits 精神	souls 灵魂
saints 圣人	immigrants 移民
lanterns 灯笼	turnips 芜菁 (大头菜)
pumpkins 南瓜	fancy dress 聚会时所穿的奇装异服
threatening 威胁	prank 恶作剧
frivolous 不严肃的	cemeteries 墓地
graves 坟墓	the deceased 已死的人

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Halloween was originally a festival in Ireland. True / False
2. Halloween is not celebrated in the United States. True / False
3. Fruits are used to make lanterns at Halloween. True / False
4. Trick or treating means visiting graves in cemeteries. True / False
5. Halloween is thought to be a time when the dead come back to life. True / False

2. Noun, verb or adjective? 名词，动词还是形容词？

Decide whether these words from the text are nouns, verbs, or adjectives. Put them in the right column.

请把下列词语按照名词，动词和形容词分类。

popular bonfire think festival
 celebrate turnip fancy frivolous
cemetery receive remember related

Noun	Verb	Adjective

3. Opposites 反义词

Do you know the opposites of these words from the text?

你知道与文章中这些词意思相反的词是什么吗？

1. dead

2. popular

3. life

4. biggest

5. many

6. less

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Halloween in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与万圣节有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

s	i	r	e	l	p	t	t	r	e	s	g
p	h	a	l	i	u	f	r	r	h	p	c
i	a	a		r	p	c	e	i	i	i	e
r	r	i	l	e	l	p	a	h	c	r	l
i	v	e	w	l	c	o	t	j	e	k	e
t	e	t	y	a	o	e	q	u	l	l	b
s	s	b	v	n	z	w	l	j	e	k	r
m	t	a	e	d	p	o	e	h	m	g	a
y	a	r	r	w	o	u	i	e	n	b	t
t	h	s	p	d	e	a	d	y	n	c	i
r	t	d	k	u	h	f	e	a	v	x	o
e	c	s	v	s	p	u	m	p	k	i	n

Halloween	dead	harvest	spirits	masks
trick	pumpkin	treat	celebration	Ireland

Answers 答案

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- Halloween is thought to be a time when the dead come back to life. True

2. Noun, verb or adjective?

Noun	Verb	Adjective
bonfire	think	popular
turnip	celebrate	fancy
cemetery	receive	frivolous
festival	remember	related

3. Opposites

- dead
alive
- popular
unpopular
- life
death
- biggest
smallest
- many
few
- less
more

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

s						t	t				
p	h			i		r					c
i	a	a		r		e	i				e
r	r		l	e		a		c			l
i	v			l		t				k	e
t	e			a	o						b
s	s			n		w					r
m	t			d		e					a
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			k								o
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